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OUR SPANISH RELATIONS.

NO ALTERATION IN THE SITUATION.

THE QUESTION TO BE SETTLED WHEN CONGRESS MEETS—THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT RECEDE FROM ITS POSITION.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The dispatches received to-day in reference to the difficulty with Spain do not alter the situation as described yesterday in these columns. During the night, or early to-morrow, information of a decisive kind may be received, but the probability is that the question will not be settled until Congress meets. The Spanish Government may have asked for time, but it is quite certain that the Government here will not recede from the position it has already taken.

EMBARGOED ESTATES IN CUBA.

OFFICIAL PROMULGATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS TO RELEASE ESTATES OF FOREIGNERS.

HAVANA, Nov. 26.—A communication from the Spanish Colonial Minister to the Political Governor of the island, under date of the 24th inst., is published to-day in the official gazette. It is in substance as follows:

The Government of the Republic, resolved to secure faithful observance of treaty agreements contracted between Spain and foreign nations, desiring to avoid all grounds for demands from citizens of such nations, and moved by the same reasons which impelled the Council of Ministers to direct to the predecessor of your Excellency, then in command of the island, their telegram of the 15th of September last, has decided that you should order immediate and strict compliance with the instructions of the Ministry under my charge, and should place the estates of foreign citizens, acquired through the action of the Gubernatorial administration, in such position that those having rights therein may enter into possession. By order of the said Government I communicate this to your Excellency that it may take effect as decreed, which, by order of his Excellency, is inserted in the *Gaceta* for general information.

[The telegram from Madrid of Sept. 15 was not published here.—*Associated Press Agent.*]

NAVAL OPERATIONS.

THE MAHOPAC AND OSSIPEE AT SEA—THEIR ARMAMENTS AND COMPANIES.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—A dispatch from the commandant at the Norfolk Navy-yard, dated to-day, and addressed to Secretary Robeson, says: "The pilot left the Mahopac at sea yesterday morning, eight miles beyond Cape Henry Light. Everything was working beautifully."

FORTRESS MONROE, Nov. 26.—The monitor Mahopac, upon which the employes of the Gosport Navy-yard had been engaged night and day for the previous two weeks, dropped down to the Roads late on Tuesday night, and, but for a heavy south-east storm would have gone at once to sea. She is convoyed by the sloop-of-war Ossipee, and, owing to the threatening weather, it was deemed prudent to anchor in the Roads, and remain until the storm abated. The Mahopac was ready for sea on Saturday morning, having taken on board her coal and ammunition, and a draft of eighty men from the receiving-ship New-Hampshire, but just as she was about to sail a leak was discovered, and she had to be detained until it was repaired. The Mahopac is a single-turreted monitor, carrying two 15-inch guns and all the latest improvements for torpedo service. The following is a list of her officers: Capt. J. O'Kane, commanding; Lieut. Commander, C. E. Clark, Executive Officer; Lieut. W. S. Buck, Navigator; Lieutenants, J. E. Jones and C. A. Stone; Master, C. R. Brown; Assistant Surgeon, H. Wikoff; Paymaster, J. E. Sullivan; Chief Engineer, A. J. Kenyon; First Assistant Engineer, J. H. Chasmer; Second Assistant Engineer, F. C. Burchard; Paymaster's Clerk, J. C. De Bern; Captain's Clerk, A. J. Homer.

The Ossipee, her convoy, is a screw sloop of war of 826 tons, and carries 8 guns. She arrived at the yard a few days since from Newport, R. I., where she had been carefully fitted up for torpedo service. While at the yard she took in a full supply of coal, and is now in thorough fighting condition. The following is a list of her officers: Commander Watters, commanding; Lieut. Commander C. K. Haswell, Executive Officer; Lieut. Commander David Woodrow, Navigator; Lieuts. W. W. Rhoads, L. V. Housell, C. F. Forse, and J. C. Rich; Paymaster H. T. Wright; Surgeon B. H. Kidder; Assistant Surgeon F. B. Stevenson; Chief Engineer Wm. H. King; First Assistant, A. Kirby; Lieutenant of Marines, F. Scott; Midshipmen, Fred. Taylor and E. H. Underwood; Boatswain, John Bell; Gunner, James Thayer; Sail-maker, Samuel Tatern; Carpenter, John Burk; Pay Clerk, F. J. B. Frank; Captain's Clerk, D. Saddler.

ASSIGNMENTS AND TRANSFERS IN THE NAVY.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Lieut. G. K. P. Rogsdale, Midshipman M. P. Ray, Assistant Surgeon James M. Scott, and acting Boatswain Wm. Winchester are ordered to the Colorado; Midshipman J. H. Lefavor is ordered to the Brooklyn; Ensign Edward M. Hughes is ordered to the Dispatch; Lieut. Commander Horace Elmer is detached from naval station at League Island, Penn., and ordered to the Colorado; Lieut. Bloomfield McIlvaine is detached from the receiving-ship Potomac and ordered to the Colorado; Lieut. Edwin Longnecker and Master Carl Rourer are detached from the torpedo station at Newport, and ordered to the Colorado; Lieuts. A. S. Snow and Frederick W. Crocker are detached from the torpedo station and ordered to the Brooklyn; Lieut. Willis Swift and Midshipman Chauncy Thomas are detached from the Supply and ordered to the Colorado; Medical Inspector F. M. Gannell is detached from the Frolic and ordered to the Franklin; Medical Inspector S. F. Cones is detached from the Portsmouth (N. H.) Navy-yard and ordered to the Colorado; Surgeon Newton L. Bates is detached from the Norfolk (Va.) Navy-yard and ordered to the Brooklyn; Passed Assistant Surgeon P. M. Dearborne is detached from the Supply and ordered to the Franklin.

ACTIVITY AT NORFOLK NAVY-YARD.

FORTRESS MONROE, Nov. 26.—The Norfolk Navy-yard for the past two weeks has presented a scene of bustle and activity not surpassed since the war, and the officers stationed there are fully alive to the duty and responsibility devolving upon them. In case of hostilities this will be an important station, as being the nearest navy-yard of any consequence to the West India Islands. Preparations are being made for any emergency that may arise, and vessels loaded with coal, ship-timber, and other material are daily arriving and discharging their cargoes. Work on the Galena, which is being entirely rebuilt, and upon the new sloop-of-war authorized by the last act of Congress, is pushed forward as rapidly as possible, and it is understood that the force of workmen will be largely increased on the 1st of December.

DEPARTURE OF THE MANHATTAN AND POWHATAN FOR KEY WEST.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ON BOARD THE UNITED STATES STEAMER POWHATAN, OFF LEWES, Del., Nov. 25.—It is now 8 P. M., and the Powhatan, with the Manhattan in tow, is going straight out through the Capes to sea. Two eleven-inch cables attach the vessels together, and they communicate by signal. The bay has been very smooth, and the weather is very favorable. The monitor is steaming finely in the wake of the steamer, but even in the smooth waters of the bay the water continually foams over her bows. We expect to pass the Capes of Virginia to-morrow afternoon, and if no disaster occur will not stop till we reach Tybee, below Savannah, if then.

THE ORDNANCE BUREAU'S WORK AT FORTRESS MONROE—STRENGTHENING THE FORT.

FORTRESS MONROE, Nov. 26.—Operations at the fort are progressing quietly, but a large increase in the force of the Ordnance Department will be made without delay. There is a large machine shop here, under the direction of the Ordnance Department, where heavy gun-carriages are made for this and other points. During the war over 300 men were employed, but the present force only numbers about forty. They are employed in changing some fifteen-inch gun-carriages from the old pattern to the new. This consists in placing two air cylinders under each of them to check the recoil, a recent and very important improvement in this class of carriages. They have nine of these to alter, and, with the present force, can turn out one in two weeks. Orders have been received from Washington to finish these carriages at the earliest possible moment, and, when finished, they will be shipped to one of the forts on our Southern sea coast. With a full force of workmen a new carriage could be made in ten days or two weeks. They are ponderous affairs, each weighing from 12,000 to 15,000 pounds, and require a great deal of work and care in their construction, in order to properly stand the severe work for which they are intended.

Two skilled mechanics from this arsenal have been ordered to Key West for temporary duty. The engineer officer on duty has made a careful inspection of the works here, and steps are being taken to strengthen the weaker points.

As yet nothing has been done at the "Rip Raps" or Fort Wool, but in case of an emergency both could be placed in a tolerable state of defense in a week or ten days. These, in connection with the fort, would effectually protect the harbor and Navy-yard beyond, while to prevent any mistakes a few torpedoes could be used to great advantage.

THE BROOKLYN NAVY-YARD.

Shortly after 12 o'clock yesterday a salute of nineteen guns was fired at the Brooklyn Navy-yard in honor of the Secretary of the Navy, who came, accompanied by Admiral Porter, Mr. Isaiah Hanscom, Chief of the Bureau of Construction and Repairs at Washington, and Mr. Hale, Congressman elect from Maine, to make personal inspection of the work at present going on at the station. Before going through the yard Mr. Robeson held a short conference with Admiral Rowan at the latter's office in the Lyceum. Admirals Rowan and Porter and Capt. Ransom then piloted the Secretary and his party through the yard. The first visit was made to the Colorado. She is almost completed. Her admirable appointments, and the dispatch with which she has been fitted for sea, drew forth marked expressions of approval from the Secretary of the Navy. The other vessels in the yard were next visited, but the only one boarded by the Secretary and his party was the Colorado. The work generally was inspected briefly, but Mr. Robeson being pressed for time left the yard shortly after 1 o'clock.

The repairs on the Arapiles are rapidly approaching completion. Her Captain, it is said, has already received orders to proceed to Cuban waters as soon as his vessel is ready for sea. The cold weather of yesterday made the Spanish sailors feel miserable. It was rather amusing to see them, muffled up in heavy woolen comforters, stamping their feet to keep warm, while the American workmen engaged on the vessel hammered away with their coats off and sleeves turned up.

Orders arrived from Washington yesterday discharging the seamen from the old store-ship Supply. They will be transferred to the receiving-ship Vermont. No men were taken on at the yard yesterday, but work is being carried on with the present force as busily as usual.

THE MARINE CORPS.

OFFICERS TO BE ASSIGNED TO DUTY—RECRUITING.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—There has been great activity in the Marine Corps within the past two or three days, and it is understood that a large number of officers will be ordered to duty in a day or two. Orders have been given to recruit the Marine Corps up to the full standard provided by law. When the vessels now fitting out for active service are provided with their full complement of of marines, there will be none left at the navy-yards. The battalion to be sent to Key West will be for the purpose of guarding public property there, and will be, with the entire marine force of the West India Squadron, under the command of Lieut. Col. Haywood. Capt. Romey will command the guard of the Colorado, and Lieut. Col. Forney will command the guard on the Minnesota. It is rumored in naval circles that Admiral Porter will command the West India Squadron, but there is no official knowledge of this matter.

THE ARMY.

GEN. SHERIDAN'S ERRAND TO WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The dispatch sent hence last night, that Gen. Sheridan would visit Washington for conference on Indian matters, was based on information derived from the Secretary of War. It was an error, however, as he comes here in connection with Cuban matters.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 26.—Lieut. Gen. Sheridan left for Washington last night by the 10 o'clock train. It is understood that he goes, in obedience to an official summons, to confer in regard to military affairs in case of war with Spain, in which event he would have the chief command in the field.

THE CUBAN JUNTA.

THE ALLEGED CONVERSION OF THE PRISONERS — REPORTED EXECUTION OF SENOR BOMBALIER.

At the meeting yesterday of the Cuban Junta at No. 52 Exchange place, there was a full attendance. Gen. Villejas presided. Among those present were Col. Cisneros, Gen. Lopez Queralta, Col. Aldama, Lieut. Mestre, and Dr. Govine. The meeting, which was a protracted one, was held in private. The condition of affairs was gravely considered, and it was believed there was less hopes of the Cuban difficulty being settled by the United States Government, and that the insurgents would ultimately be obliged to depend upon themselves. Spain, it was said, would without any hesitation cede the Virginius to the United States, and those who had not been put to death would be liberated, and this, it was believed, with a little diplomacy, would satisfy the Cabinet, and Cuba would still remain in the hands of the Spaniards. In some private letters which had been received from Santiago de Cuba, it was stated that the twenty Protestants had agreed to embrace the Catholic faith on condition that their lives were spared. The arrangement was made between the victims and Father Picon that instead of being put to death they should be imprisoned for life. Half an hour before execution the men were taken to the chapel in the prison and were baptised; and before the baptismal waters had time to dry on their heads, they were dragged forth and shot by the volunteers. It was further added that Father Picon did not endeavor to save their lives. A telegram was sent to Señor Bombalier, who had been arrested while leaving the steamer City of New-York on her arrival at Havana, and who was thrown into prison. On the departure of the Crescent City from Havana, Señor Bombalier was being tried on the charge of bringing correspondence to the insurgents from the patriots in New-York. On Tuesday a telegraphic despatch was sent to him from New-York, but no answer has been received to it, and it is believed that he has been put to death.

THE CUBAN LEAGUE.

A regular meeting of the Cuban League was held last night in Room F, Fifth Avenue Hotel. The following members were present: Gens. M. Y. McMahon, C. K. Graham, A. Duryea, John Cochran, C. W. Darling, Kilburn Knox, Col. J. M. Macias, Major J. M. Bundy, Col. Ethan Allen, Gen. C. Carleton, and D. K. Lyddy. The meeting was called to order by Hon. Charles Watrous. After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, Gen. McMahon, on behalf of the committee appointed to notify Vice President Henry Wilson of his appointment as President of the League, reported that Mr. Wilson declined to accept the position then owing to the condition of his health. The Treasurer reported that the amount in his possession to the credit of the League was $661 10, but after the payment of the expenses of the mass-meeting there would only be $157 in the fund. Gen. Kilburn Graham suggested that the meeting proceed to the election of a President. He moved that Gen. McMahon be elected to fill that position, left vacant by the death of Horace Greeley. Gen. McMahon, who was unanimously elected, thanked the members for their confidence in him, and urged that they should work energetically to bring about the recognition of Cuban belligerency by the United States. Gen. Watrous said that a vacancy existed in the Executive Committee by resignation of Isaac A. Bailey, and he suggested that Col. F. Conkling be appointed in his place, which was accordingly done. The President said when the organization was first formed petitions were prepared and circulated to receive signatures of the people previous to being presented to Congress, asking that the rights of the Cuban Republic be recognized. These petitions were signed by thousands, and, on being presented to Congress had a good effect. It would be very desirable that a similar course be pursued now. Mr. D. K. Lyddy said that Congress would soon meet, and it would be well to have a delegation from the League to attend in Washington, and use some influence with the members to obtain favorable Congressional action on Cuban affairs. Gen. Watrous thought it would be better to leave that matter in the hands of the Executive Committee. Mr. Lyddy withdrew the motion. Major Bundy moved that a committee be appointed to prepare petitions to be presented to Congress, which was carried, and the following gentlemen were appointed as a committee for that purpose: J. M. Bundy, C. K. Graham, and Gen. Van Allen. The meeting then adjourned.

SPANISH OPINION.

A MADRID PAPER QUOTING AMERICAN PRECEDENTS FOR THE VIRGINIUS CAPTURE.

MADRID, Nov. 26.—The *Igualdad* (newspaper) justifies the execution of the Virginius captives, and cites as a precedent for the action of the Spanish authorities the circular issued by the United States Government during the civil war declaring the Confederate privateers pirates.

SPAIN IS NOT TO BE FRIGHTENED.

From the Cronista of Yesterday.

THE TIMES, though well aware that the telegram from Madrid referring to the determined attitude of our country was false, repeats its insolence toward Spain in its issue of Tuesday, and speaks on international law with an authority as supreme as if it thought there were no other writers in the world but its own. In truth, however, its whole article is really intended as a supplication to the Spanish Government. Is this another attempt to soothe the Madrid authorities? THE TIMES will have to understand that behind that Government stands the Spanish nation, determined to endure no humiliations from any quarter.

NEW-ENGLAND MANUFACTURERS.

MILLS RESUMING WORK WITH A REDUCTION OF WAGES.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

BOSTON, Nov. 26.—The mills of the Amoskeag, Shark & Langdon corporations of Manchester, N. H., will run full time during December, beginning next week, but a reduction of wages will take place. This reduction will not be general, and will only be applied where the margin between earnings and expenses is sufficient to justify such a course. The Manchester print works shut down to-night, and will not start again until Monday, when they will run eight hours a day, and four days out of the six of a week. This corporation is curtailing expenses considerably, and the salaries of its officers are affected as well as the wages of the operatives. The mills at Fall River, in this State, will run on full time, commencing Monday next, with a reduction in wages of fifteen per cent. in all with the exception of the Duval Mill, which has made a reduction of twenty-five per cent. From the shoe manufacturing places in Essex County reports of activity are generally received, and a speedy recovery from the general depression is anticipated. The Pillsbury shoe factory at Dover, N. H., will begin to run on full time on Monday, with fifty more than the regular number of hands.

A DOUBLE HOMICIDE JUSTIFIED.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 26.—J. P. Dunn and a young man named Clark called at the house of a farmer named Mercer, near Lexington, Mo., on Monday evening, and commenced insulting the ladies. Mercer and his son-in-law remonstrated, and were assaulted and badly beaten. In the mêlée Mercer obtained possession of a shot-gun and fired upon the assailants. Clark was killed almost instantly, and Dunn died during the night. The Coroner's jury rendered a verdict of justifiable homicide.

WASHINGTON.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEES.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—No discovery has yet been made of any combination among Congressmen to influence the formation of committees. The story of efforts on the part of Mr. Maynard and Gen. Butler to secure a combination against members who had some connection with the Credit Mobilier business, is denied by one of Mr. Maynard's friends, who says that gentleman never suggested such an alliance, and never would have united in it. It is also denied that he had been connected with any scheme to obtain strength for the Speakership in order to trade it off for the Chairmanship of the Ways and Means Committee. This charge hardly needed denial, as Mr. Maynard is universally regarded as a gentleman whose character places him above such a suspicion. It would be very odd, too, for Gen. Butler, who was Oakes Ames' special defender in the House, to be in any conspiracy to punish Credit Mobilier members, unless he were looking toward the chairmanship of the Appropriations Committee, held in the last House by Mr. Garfield. The fact is, the Credit Mobilier has ceased to be a scare-crow or watch-word. Two or three delegations that have been informally discussing the position to be taken have been unanimous in their views that this subject could not have any influence against any member of the next House in degrading them from committees. The House refused to censure Garfield, Kelly, and the others by more than fifty majority. Members laugh at the idea that the Speaker should be asked to take upon himself the responsibility of execution, politically, where the House itself refused even to censure. Members are, however, expressing dissatisfaction with some of the old Chairmen who have been re-elected, on account of the inaptitude for business which they displayed last Winter, and on that ground some changes are advocated by members who have arrived. Whether the expressions of dissatisfaction have reached Speaker Blaine or not cannot be said. What heed they would receive if brought to his notice is not known, but if a caucus were to decide the formation of committees, one or two members holding important chairmanships would be assigned to some positions besides those they have held and desire to retain.

A WESTERN BANKING BILL.

A bill representing the views of some portion of the West on finance has already been prepared. It is comprised in two sections. The first section provides that so much of section 22 of the National Banking act as limits the entire amount of notes for circulation to $300,000,000 be repealed, and that section 26 of the National Banking act be so amended as to authorize any banking association to exchange its own notes, or lawful money of the United States, for the bonds deposited by it as security for its circulation; and if any banking association shall take up its bonds or any part thereof, with lawful money of the United States, then the Secretary of the Treasury shall redeem a corresponding amount of the notes of such association. It is considered that the provision authorizing the reduction of circulation and the withdrawal of any portion of the deposited bonds through the medium of legal tenders will furnish the desired elasticity to the currency. The argument used is that it is now practically impossible for a national bank to recall its notes, should it desire to restrict its business, without going into liquidation, and that the purposes of the Government can be as well accomplished by the use of United States as national bank notes for the redemption of bonds deposited to secure circulation, while the Sub-Treasuries could redeem the national bank circulation without difficulty.

A STANDING COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS.

A proposition will be made in caucus to appoint a standing committee to which all resolutions demanding investigations shall be referred.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

"IS ISLAND OF SAN JUAN TO BE SURVEYED.

The Commissioner of the General Land Office has informed Mr. McFadden, Delegate from Washington Territory, that the public surveys will next Spring be extended over San Juan, and the other islands on the line of our north-west boundary, recently in dispute between Great Britain and the United States.

ILLNESS OF GEN. SPINNER.

Treasurer Spinner, who has been in bad health for some time, seems now to have become quite ill, and is not able to attend to his official duties. He suffers very much from a low malarial fever, and has had several chills lately. The Treasury was closed at noon to-day, and in the other departments business was practically suspended at that hour.

RESIGNATION OF THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

Mr. John S. Delano to-day resigned the office of Chief Clerk of the Interior Department, the duties of which he has performed with much courtesy and efficiency for several years. Mr. Delano was impelled to resign by reason of long-continued ill-health, and his retirement will be a source of regret to many who have business with the Department of the Interior. The vacancy will be filled by the appointment of Wm. C. Morrill, of Maine.

RESIGNATION OF JUDGE SHERMAN OF OHIO.

Charles T. Sherman, United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, has resigned, to take effect on the 1st of December next; and Martin Weeker, formerly a member of Congress from that State, has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

REPORT OF THE FIRST CONTROLLER OF THE TREASURY.

The report of the First Controller of the Treasury has been completed, and shows that during the year nearly 45,000 warrants on the Treasury from various departments of the Government were examined and countersigned, besides a large number of accounts examined. Of the latter 2,201 were those of judicial officers, 1,868 diplomatic, 2,710 public lands, 239 steam-boat inspection service, 124 mint and branches, 713 public debt, 84 public printing, 373 territorial, 111 Congressional, 3,011 internal revenue collectors, 1,066 internal revenue assessors, 133 internal revenue stamp agents, and 325 internal revenue miscellaneous. The business of the office continues steadily to increase, the aggregate of the items stated above exceeding those of last year 7,642. In concluding his report the Controller recommends that the clerical force of the office be paid larger salaries, not only on account of their efficiency, but also on account of the responsible duties which they perform.

BLOODY AFFRAY OVER CARDS.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Nov. 26.—On Monday, at Fulton, one Puckett and two brothers, named Cassidy, got into a dispute about a game of cards, when Puckett shot both the Cassidys, killing one and seriously wounding the other. Puckett was arrested and started overland for the county seat, at Washington, in charge of an officer. A short distance from Fulton he was shot from the brush, fell to the ground and was left for dead. The officer went for assistance, and, on returning, found that Puckett had revived and was trying to escape, though badly hurt. He was taken back to Fulton, and yesterday put on the train for Washington. A party of Irishmen endeavored to stop the train and capture the prisoner for the purpose of lynching him, but were deterred by the officers. It is reported that Puckett died last night.

FIRST WORK IN THE CENTENNIAL GROUNDS.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 25.—To-day at Lansdowne, on the site of the Centennial Exposition buildings, workmen commenced making excavations, the operations being witnessed with unusual interest. The first work to be done is the sinking of wells, from which the water needed during construction will be taken.

COLORED MEN'S CONVENTION IN KENTUCKY.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 26.—A convention of colored men of Kentucky met at Frankfort, yesterday, and appointed delegates to the National Convention of Colored Men, to assemble in Washington, Dec. 9. Many resolutions of an independent character were passed, among them one asserting their right to an equal division of the offices with the white portion of the Republican Party, and declaring that if it was not granted they would act with any party in the future which would best secure the recognition of their rights. They also asserted in strong language their right to sit as jurymen.

THE OPENING OF THE HOOSAC TUNNEL.

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR JOINING THE TWO HEADINGS TO-DAY—THE LAST CHARGE TO BE EXPLODED AT 2 O'CLOCK.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

NORTH ADAMS, Mass, Nov. 26.—The final arrangements are nearly made for making a passable breach through the two headings of the tunnel to-morrow, according to programme. A long hole was, last night, drilled completely through, from one end to the other. The distance thus bored was sixteen feet, being three feet more than the engineers had anticipated, but still not too great to make an effective opening, as proposed. The drilling from the west end having been completed, that from the central shaft has been going on all day, and will be finished to-night. Last year, when the opening was made between the other works, there was a powerful current of air inward toward the shaft. It was believed that the same phenomenon of an inward air-current would be noticed to-day, and this proved to be the case, though the draft is less strong than that of 1872. Constant communication is kept up between the two gangs of workmen by means of drill holes, no difficulty whatever being experienced. It will interest many to know that while there is a difference of three feet in the estimated length, the lines, both as relates to grade and direction, agreed exactly, so far as can be discovered without accurate measurements. The charge required to make the opening to-morrow is the enormous one of 150 pounds of nitro, glycerine, nearly twice as much as the greatest charge ever yet used at once in the work. There are many visitors expected to-morrow, but the assemblage is smaller than one would expect to witness so important an event. The wires of the battery for the explosion will be joined at 2 o'clock exactly.

RAILROAD LITIGATION.

THE GILMAN, CLINTON AND SPRINGFIELD RAILROAD, ILLINOIS.

CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—In the matter of the Gilman, Clinton and Springfield Railroad, it appears from the evidence that the actual cost of constructing and equipping the road was about $1,500,000, while the Morgan Improvement Company received for rendering this service about $4,000,000. The Morgan Improvement Company was incorporated in Pennsylvania, in May, 1870, for the sole purpose of constructing this road. It had a capital of $500,000, divided into ten shares of $50,000 each. Fourteen days after its incorporation it entered into a contract with the Gilman, Clinton and Springfield Railroad Company. The Directors and President of the road, who have been principally concerned in letting the contract to the Improvement Company, are shown to have been let into the enormous profits for merely a nominal consideration. It is also charged against the railroad officials that they made a ruinous contract for the road with the Barclay Coal Company, of which they owned a three-quarter interest; that they made an unlawful lease of the road to the Pennsylvania Company; and that in other respects they were guilty of a breach of trust. The court held that the theory of Illinois law is that the railroads are public highways, created by the sovereign power of the State, and that the corporation is authorized through its Board of Directors to construct, equip, and operate the same, so long as such Directors shall remain true to the trust conferred upon them by law. Townships that have become parties to this proceeding did not donate their bonds voted to the company, but, on the contrary, they subscribed to its capital stock on which they issued their bonds, dollar for dollar, and no reason is shown by this proof why the capital stock of this company is not worth par value if the cost of construction and equipping the road did not exceed $1,500,000, and the road has paid running expenses and interest on $2,000,000 since its completion. With bonds voted along the line and a loan of $1,000,000 upon the road, which ought and would have constructed and equipped it, the stock should be worth par to-day. I assume this fact upon evidence in this record, that the Pennsylvania Company could operate the road, pay interest on $2,000,000 first mortgage bonds, and the current expenses of the road, and leave the surplus to apply on the $1,000,000 income bonds intended to be issued in lieu of $1,000,000 second mortgage bonds now in the hands of Thomas Scott. If it is true that the stock of this road ought to be worth dollar for dollar, we are led to inquire whether it is proper to so manage such trust property that the stock should become substantially worthless, and incumbered with $3,000,000 of debt. The company's books do not show the cost of construction and equipment, nor do the defendants deny the proof of the complaints as to the cost. Another thing apparent from the proof is that the Board of Directors are controlled by the Morgan Improvement Company. The court decided to appoint a receiver to take charge of and manage the said road, until it can be ascertained who its legitimate stockholders are, and to whom the custody and management of the railroad should be committed.

SUIT AGAINST THE BOSTON AND MAINE RAILROAD.

BOSTON, Nov. 26.—A suit is pending in the United States Circuit Court against the Boston and Maine Railroad Company to recover a balance of $125,000, being the earnings of the Portland, Saco, and Portsmouth Railroad, received by the Boston and Maine Railroad during the joint operation of the Portland, Saco, and Portsmouth Railroad by the Boston and Maine and Eastern Railroads, and alleged to be due the Portland, Saco, and Portsmouth Railroad, and not paid over by the Boston and Maine Company.

THE CLOSING NAVIGATION.

ICE-BOUND VESSELS IN CANADA.

QUEBEC, Nov. 26.—The present situation of vessels caught in the late storm is as follows: The brig Pro Tem, wrecked at Cape Liable, has been condemned, and her sale is recommended. The ship Kleven is still ashore near Kamouraska. The bark Wolfes Cove is in a safe place near St. Rocks. The bark Marchioness, of Queensburg, ashore at the River Duloup, is considered safe. The ship Amoor has put into Winter quarters at Murray Bay. The brig America and the steamer Margaret Stevenson are wintered at Bic.

ICE IN THE HUDSON RIVER.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Nov. 26.—The Hudson is filled with floating ice at Castleton. At Stuyvesant the river is frozen over. The steamer Thomas Powell passed there going north, at 7:30 o'clock this morning. The weather is quite cold.

ICE IN THE WELLAND CANAL.

PORT COLBORNE, Ontario, Nov. 26.—The ice in the Welland Canal is pretty thick. The tug Jennie Griffin was cut through by it this morning, and sank near the Welland. Vessels are still passing, and some twenty are on this lake (Ontario) bound through.

A COLORED MAN RIGHTS HIS CIVIL WRONGS AND IS FINED.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 26.—Several nights ago Richard Porter, a negro, presented himself, with a girl, to the doorkeeper of the Atheneum, having two tickets for reserved seats in the parquet. The doorkeeper refused to admit him, and going to the box-office exchanged the tickets for $1 50, the price paid for them. Porter refused the money and left the building in an angry frame of mind. Yesterday he met the doorkeeper on the street, and after declaring that he had insulted him in refusing his ticket, knocked him down and beat him terribly. For this Porter was fined $14. Manager Sargent declares that the admission of colored people to the parquet of the theatre will injure his business, and contends that he has a perfect right to exclude any person or class of persons.

THE WAR IN CUBA.

THE ATTACK ON MANZANILLO—THE INSURGENTS REPULSED—ACTIVE WAR PREPARATIONS AT HAVANA.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Thursday, Nov. 20, 1873.

A few unimportant skirmishes are the only novelties reported. Further Spanish particulars of the attack on Manzanillo have come to hand. A letter from a correspondent on the 13th, published in the *Diario*, of Cienfuegos, gives the following account: "The victory was ours, and the enemy lost many, among them Vicente Garcia, who is buried three leagues from here. The house of Rsera & Brother, Camino, and others were burned down, and the shops belonging to Rey, Almirall, Vasques Hermano, Bartolo Puig, and many others completely sacked. The enemy charged desperately by the three streets which lead to the plaza, endeavoring to possess themselves of it, but were repulsed each time. To-day we expect forces from Bayamo, as it is said that the enemy intends to return on Saturday. May it be true, for we are well prepared for them. The barricade at my house is called the Agi, (hot pepper.) I repeat what I said in my last, that Manzanillo preserves the name of 'invincible,' and that we are always disposed to receive them. Vidal Martinez is in eternity, along with other prisoners which we made on that memorable night. Our loss was four killed, twenty-one wounded, and eleven bruised slightly; that of the enemy being incalculable, as their principal object was to obtain bed-cording to make litters for their wounded." Another Spanish letter gives the number of houses burned at thirty.

Cuban accounts state that the insurgents, 2,000 strong, took possession of the principal streets of the town, sacked and burned houses and shops, some of which were burning during two days, causing a loss of $200,000. None of the volunteers or soldiers went out to meet them, but snugly fortified themselves in the prison, arsenal, and State-house. The gun-boats in the bay kept up a lively firing of shells, but most of the insurgents being inside the town, they fell harmlessly. Two or three times the insurgents assaulted the buildings held by the volunteer and regular forces, but each time they were repulsed with severe loss. It was only during these assaults that any fighting took place, and when at last the insurgents retired, they were able to carry off with them all th eir booty and wounded. Their loss was fifty men killed, their exposed position naturally allowing the fire of the Spaniards to do great execution in their ranks. They entered the town with shouts of revenge for their murdered companions in Santiago, and when they retired cried to the Manzanillo people that they might soon expect them back. The fury of the Cubans was without bounds when they found themselves inside the town, and many of the inhabitants took refuge in the foreign Consulates. The cry for troops for Manzanillo is general, barricades of casks filled with earth have been erected to defend the approaches to the principal parts of the town, and many persons are leaving the place.

The Cuban war is a war of reprisals, and the cruelties and barbarities practiced are of such a nature that they are not fit to be put on paper. A circular issued by Brigadier Burriel, to the Lieutenant Governors and Captains of the Eastern Department, calls on them and the local authorities to aid him in a last effort to crush the rebellion, by arresting all persons suspected of complicity, directly or indirectly, with the insurgents, "who soon," he says, "with all help cut off by sea and by land, will perish like wild beasts, as they deserve who still refuse to listen to the voice of mercy and promises of pardon held out to them by the Government, and they who, like those misguided illusionists of Holguin, went over to the enemy."

The *Voz* says that the conspiracy discovered in Gibara was much vaster than was at first supposed, and that it is without doubt that it had ramifications in all the Eastern Department, Puerto Principe, Las Cinco Villas, and even in Havana. Its chiefs counted on the successful landing of the Virginius expedition, which would have enabled them to carry out a movement toward the Cinco Villas, and thus spoil the sugar crop in that rich territory, and even in part of the Eastern Department. They counted on the astute direction of the laborantes in Havana; but the Havana laborantes are too disconcerted at the late arrests made in the city, and not very comfortable on seeing that they are known, and that people point the finger at them and give unmistakable signs that popular feeling is getting rather warm. "All this," says the *Voz*, "is providential; and now that Providence has placed the thread of the plot in our hands, we must take advantage of the occasion and apply the law with its fullest severity, without troubling ourselves with what strangers may say. We are masters of our own house, and are able to manage our own affairs, as well as defend our own rights."

Letters from Gibara say that those arrested are confined in the little town of Auras, where a Lieutenant of Volunteers was assassinated as he was arresting two men who belonged to the same body, and who were implicated in the movement which was to have taken place. The court-martial which is trying the prisoners is under the protection of Col. Esponda's column, and very soon its work will be finished and sentence pronounced. This protection is necessary, as the insurgent forces are swarming in the neighborhood, and waiting for a chance to pounce down upon the place.

Mrs. Delmonte, an American citizen, was set at liberty last Saturday, the 15th. The other prisoners are still in jail. A rumor has been current here for two days that seventeen of the prisoners implicated in the Holguin conspiracy have been shot.

SUPPOSED WIFE MURDER.

SMITH'S FALLS, Ontario, Nov. 26.—For the past few days the Coroner's jury have been investigating the cause of the death of Mrs. John Halliday, of the township of Montague, who was found at her residence dreadfully mangled and in a dying condition. Her husband said that the wounds were caused by a runaway team, but the evidence pointed strongly to himself as her murderer. He was committed for trial.

A BANK RESUMES BUSINESS.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 26.—The First National Bank, which was forced to suspend last September from the effects of the panic, the yellow fever, and other causes, but since reopened for new business, has completed arrangements for resumption on its old basis, and is now awaiting proper authority from Washington. The deficiency is to be made good by an assessment on the stockholders.

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

HAZLETON, Penn., Nov. 26.—A passenger train on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad ran off the track this morning, a short distance from this depot, and came in collision with a freight car. Mail Agent Conlan was severely injured about the head, and John Mears, a Lehigh Valley Railroad employe, was killed. No passengers were injured. The accident is attributed to a bad switch.

CONVENTION OF GEORGIA GRANGERS.

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 26.—A convention of grangers, held here to-day, adopted resolutions to establish direct shipment of cotton to Europe; to urge the refunding of the cotton tax to legitimate claimants, and the removal of all import duties except on conceded luxuries. They indorse and urge the construction of the Atlantic and Great Western Canal. The convention adjourned *sine die*.

BOILER EXPLOSION.

BURLINGTON, Iowa, Nov. 26.—At Cook's shingle mill in this city, this morning, a boiler exploded, killing Henry Provost, one of the hands, and injuring seven or eight others, two or three seriously, but it is thought not fatally. One man was blown fifty feet through an opening in the mill on to a pile of logs. Another man was blown still further.

LATEST NEWS BY CABLE.

GREAT BRITAIN.

SPECIE SHIPMENT FOR NEW-YORK—A NEW PEER.

LONDON, Nov. 26.—Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in bullion was shipped from Southampton for New-York, yesterday, by the steam-ship Mosel.

Sir John Duke Coleridge, Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, is to be raised to the peerage. He will become Baron Coleridge.

THE WRECK OFF VALENTIA, IRELAND.

LONDON, Nov. 26.—The vessel Clyde, before reported wrecked off Valentia, Ireland, was the ship Clyde, from St. John, N. B., for Sharpness Point, in the British Channel. Ten of the crew were drowned.

FRANCE.

M. ROUHER'S TESTIMONY IN THE BAZAINE TRIAL.

PARIS, Nov. 26.—In the trial of Marshal Bazaine, to-day, M. Rouher testified in relation to the negotiations of the Empress Eugenie, in the endeavor to save the Rhine Army and to avoid a cession of territory.

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THE RING THIEVES.

CONVICTION OF INGERSOLL AND FARRINGTON.

THE CONCLUSION OF THE TRIAL IN THE COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER YESTERDAY—CHARGE OF JUDGE DAVIS.

The trial of James H. Ingersoll, the Ring chair-maker, and his confederate John D. Farrington, on the charge of forgery in the third degree, which had been in progress in the Court of Oyer and Terminer since Monday, was brought to a conclusion yesterday, the jury, after a brief consideration, not exceeding over thirty minutes, rendering a verdict of guilty against both prisoners. The air of serenity and confidence which had characterized Ingersoll during the trial completely deserted him when he heard the word "guilty" fall from the lips of the foreman of the jury. He seemed utterly overwhelmed. His fellow prisoner at first displayed more fortitude, but gradually, as he began to realize his miserable position, his courage deserted him, and he also broke down. By the spectators in court the verdict was received without any particular manifestations of feeling. The evidence in the case, on the part of the people, was so clear and convincing that no other result was looked for but a conviction, and, consequently, the announcement that the jury had found a verdict of guilty excited no surprise among the auditors in the court. When the intelligence of the result of the trial circulated among the community at large, satisfaction was expressed that another such signal triumph in the cause of good Government and honesty had been achieved. Much commendation was bestowed upon the counsel for the prosecution for the energy and zeal with which they had conducted the case. Among the other Ring thieves yet at large the news caused the greatest dismay and consternation, as it was regarded by them as certain that the conviction of Ingersoll and Farrington, following so quickly upon that of Tweed, showed that the authorities would not rest until all the Ring thieves are in prison.

THE PROCEEDINGS IN COURT.

Yesterday morning the trial of Ingersoll and Farrington for forgery was resumed in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, before Judge Davis. After the opening of the court Farrington was examined for the defense. He testified that he was employed by Heath & Smith. He sometimes, though rarely, made out bills for them, and sometimes made purchases for them. Knew that they supplied goods to the County Court-house. He admitted that the bill on which the warrant was obtained was drawn by him, but denied that he made the signatures to it. He made out the bill on memoranda furnished by E. A. Heath. Heath told him that he did not want it made out in the name of the company, as Ingersoll, the President, was one of the Court-house Commissioners. He gave the bill as made out to Heath, and never saw it afterward till after the indictment. He knew of his own knowledge that some of the goods were sent to the Court-house, among them umbrella-stands and ash-barrels.

Q.—How long were you in the employ of the Heath & Smith Manufacturing Company? A.—Since Heath & Smith went into bankruptcy. Ingersoll came there very seldom. All the business was carried on by Heath. Ingersoll was in the chair-manufacturing business, and knew very little about the business of the Heath & Smith Manufacturing Company. The indorsement on this warrant is not in my handwriting.

To Mr. Tremain.—I may have seen the books of the company three or four months ago; I did not send for them now. Before I went into the business with this company I was clerk with the New-York Steam Sugar Refining Company. I was not a defaulter in that company, but went away because another one was defaulter. I went to St. Louis, and from there to Canada. After I came back I served as clerk for a year in a mercantile firm, and then I was clerk for the Heath & Smith Manufacturing Company. Heath told me to put in a good square percentage to this bill of $15,000; I added fifty per cent. Heath was in the office at the time, sitting at another desk. Heath gave me the form to make out the bill.

Q.—You consented willingly to be a party to make up a bill where you knew it was intended to defraud the County out of fifty per cent. of $15,000! A.—I do not know that fifty per cent. profit would be a fraud; I don't know that it would be a fraud at all if I could sell the goods and get the money for them. I knew some of the goods had been delivered but didn't know that all of them had been. It took me two or three hours to make out the bill. Some goods for the Court-house were delivered in December; don't know who delivered them. Knew they were delivered because I saw them in the Court-house; they were umbrella-stands and ash-kettles. Ingersoll ordered the umbrella-stands from the company; he gave the order to me. I was with Heath either when wheelbarrows were ordered for the Court-house, or when they were ordered to be repaired. I would not like to swear this signature is Heath's. I am not an expert in handwriting, and wouldn't like to give an opinion. The "E." in "E. A. Heath" is very much like his. That is the only thing I can say. Judging from the character of the man, I can answer that I believe he would do such a thing. As to the signatures, I can only say I don't believe anything about them. That is not his signature as he generally writes it. That signature wouldn't be good in the bank. The wheelbarrows were ordered of the company. I know Ingersoll was one of the Commissioners. I did not know there was anything fraudulent or false about it. I knew some of these goods were furnished by the company,

To Mr. Fullerton—I went to the New-York Sugar Refinery when a boy. This letter now shown me is in Eugene A. Heath's handwriting. [This letter is a direction to Farrington to go to Chicago and await instructions from him, (Heath,) and report to him.]

Mr. Fullerton said he presented it and others, to show that the relations of Farrington to Heath and the company were entirely different from those represented by Heath, and also that the jury might compare the signatures, especially the letter "E" on the letters, and on the bill and indorsement to the warrant. This and other letters directing Farrington about the same matter were admitted.

By Mr. Tremain—There are here, I see, two ash-kettles charged at $30, and on this bill to the company they are charged at $11 50; wasn't that a little more than fifty per cent. addition? A.—I suppose so.

Q.—You say you were present when these umbrella-stands were ordered by Mr. Ingersoll; were they not sent to Bollar & Co.? A.—That I can't say.

This closed the case of the defense.

REBUTTING TESTIMONY.

The prosecution then called Roland A. Robinson, of the firm of Robinson & Lord, who testified that the goods for which bills were made out to Heath & Smith, were really sold to the Heath & Smith Company.

Mr. Heath was recalled and denied the testimony of Farrington that he had directed him to make out the bill to the County; he denied, absolutely, any conversation about the bill with Farrington; Ingersoll did buy some umbrella-stands from the company, but he paid for them with his own check, and they were sent to Bollar & Co.; these goods, bought for the Court-house, and so marked by him, were charged to Ingersoll.

To Mr. Fullerton—I did not myself keep the books. I understood they were charged to his name. I know he directed some goods to be charged to him. I did not see the umbrella-stands delivered to Bollar & Co., but I know they were. I don't think I was present when Ingersoll gave the direction to deliver them.

Mr. Bird was recalled, and testified that all the umbrella-stands of that pattern which they had on hand were considered to be the property of Ingersoll, and he paid for them; Farrington told him that Bollar & Co.'s man would be down for them, and that Bollar's carman did come down for them, and he (Bird) delivered several lots to him; Farrington told him that he was independent of any one around there; that "Jimmy" would take care of him and showed him checks of James H. Ingersoll on the Bowery Bank; these umbrella-stands were charged to James H. Ingersoll in the books of the company, and he believed were never transferred to any other account. This closed the evidence on both sides.

THE ARGUMENT FOR THE DEFENSE.

Mr. Fullerton then commenced his summing up for the defense. He began by calling attention to the accusation, to guard the jury from being misled into trying some other issue than that in the indictment. The charge was not for fraud or procuring money from the City unwarrantably. The question was, simply, whether the name of Heath & Smith had been forged by the defendants within the legal meaning of the word forged, and whether, knowing it to be so forged, they had uttered it. That was the question, and he believed no twelve men could answer it in the affirmative. After the care they had taken to secure a jury he trusted they would, as they had stated, be without bias. One of the circumstances embarrassing counsel was the weight of prejudice under which one, and perhaps both, of the defendants came before them from other charges and other circumstances. He therefore warned the jury earnestly that they should avoid yielding to prejudice or bias. He recalled to them the facts, the existence of the old firm of Heath & Smith, and the union in the Heath & Smith Manufacturing Company, of which Ingersoll became President; but Ingersoll gave no personal supervision to it; Heath carried on the City part of the business, and Smith the manufacturing part in Connecticut; Ingersoll merely occasionally visited the place, sometimes not for weeks, nor even months. He was entirely unacquainted with the details of the business; he never sold goods for the company, nor bought goods from the company; except in a very general way he did not know the prices of their goods; Heath, however, knew. Bearing that in mind, he asked the jury to look into the evidence. This bill was made out by Farrington and Farrington had given them the history of it. That history, Heath, it is true, denied. Farrington told them that Heath brought him a memorandum on two or three slips of paper, and told him to make out his account in the name of Heath & Smith. That was a natural story. Farrington was a clerk under Heath's control. It was to show this that the letters ordering him to Chicago, and ordering him what to do in Chicago were introduced. Heath told him why the old name of Heath & Smith was used. He was not here to defend that bill now. Its propriety might be examined in another proceeding, but this direction by one of that old firm, whatever its motives, put an entirely different face on the transaction. They must believe Farrington or Heath on this point. He recalled to them the litigation and personal hostility of Heath against Ingersoll, his threat against Ingersoll proved by Hall and his denial of any recollection of it, and claimed that this denial of a recollection must be false. That was not the only contradiction of Heath. Mr. Ives told them he saw this bill in THE TIMES, and at once called Mr. Heath's attention to it, and was told by Heath that the bill was all right. Here was another flat denial of Heath, and besides that it showed that Heath did know something of the bill. Why should he say this was all right? There was no other bill of like amount. Had there been, it would have been produced. When Heath came on the stand in execution of his two-year-old threat to send Ingersoll to the State Prison, he (counsel) was constrained to say that he was perjured. He was influenced by two motives to deny the bill which he had told Ives was all right, the desire to exculpate himself and the desire to carry out his revenge.

Counsel was not going to argue, from the similarity of the "E," that these signatures of "E. A. Heath" and "Heath & Smith" were written by Mr. Heath. It was not necessary they should do so. There were some witnesses who testified to a belief that they were written by Farrington, but he claimed that this testimony was altogether untrustworthy. Expert testimony was notoriously of little weight, and the other testimony was that of excited witnesses. In the light of the contradictory testimony it had no weight whatever. Four persons familiar with his handwriting swore the signatures were not like his handwriting. He personally swore he did not write them. It was proved that this company did furnish goods to the Court-house. He showed, then, that the bills of goods bought by the Heath & Smith Manufacturing Company for the Court-house. They were bought not by Ingersoll but by the company. They knew what was the reason for using the company's name, and Smith & Heath's name. He was not here to defend that reason. Ingersoll might answer for that should he see fit. But here some one had furnished goods. Some one was entitled to payment. That some one was James H. Ingersoll. If he put at the head of his own bill Heath & Smith, and signed their name to the receipt or to the warrant, that crime was not forgery. And they would remember that Heath gave his consent to the use of his name. The last trace of the bill was in Heath's hands until due west from the Controller's office; and here was a significant point, that Farrington, careful and cautious in expressing any opinion, thought the "H." in the signature looked like Heath's own. Did not every probability point to Heath himself having presented this bill and got this warrant, and then handed it over to Ingersoll? Was it not probable that Heath, pressed for money, said to Ingersoll, "I shall have this warrant to-morrow; advance me part of it to-day?" They would see that there was such an advance of $18,000. He explained Mr. Farrington's running away when a boy, after the book-keeper to whom he had paid over what he had collected had become a defaulter and fled; the absence of the books was a mere mistake in counsel's judgment.

Mr. Fullerton was then compelled to sit down through an attack of vertigo, and the court took a recess.

THE SUMMING UP FOR THE PROSECUTION.

After recess Mr. Tremain summed up for the prosecution, beginning, like Mr. Fullerton, by explaining the indictment. The indictment contained two counts—one for making a forged signature, the other for uttering the paper knowing it to be forged. They could find either or both defendants guilty of either or both counts, or each of a different count, or a general verdict of guilty against one or both. He pointed out to the jury that it was not necessary that both should have written the forgery, or both should have acted in uttering it. If they acted in complicity with each other, one signing and the other advising, or one gave it to the other to utter, this was a joint forgery, and a joint uttering under which both were guilty. They were, it was true, not to try the defendants on any crime but the crime charged. But, on the other hand, if the proof of the crime developed that it was but the consummation of another flagitious crime, which the counsel for the defense could not defend and would not deny, then they had made a great step toward proof of that final act. Of course they could not produce proof of the criminal writing by the defendants. Criminals were ordinarily too cunning for that to happen. The proof must always be circumstantial. The possession of forged paper, unexplained, was enough, and men were constantly convicted of uttering forged paper, knowingly, on that alone. They had, first of all, the fact that James H. Ingersoll was an officer in high position, and that he certified that he had "audited"—that is, "examined and investigated" the bill. He certified on this bill that he had done so. Had he examined it its fraudulent character must have been at once apparent. He was President of the Heath & Smith Manufacturing Company. He knew that the Heath & Smith Company had ceased to exist in the Summer of 1869, before the first of these articles purported to be supplied. He had every means to inquire into it. He was familiar with Farrington's handwriting. He was intimate with him. He was in the habit of giving him checks. This bill was in the handwriting of Farrington. It was without affidavit, without dates of items, in a false name, and yet knowing all this he audited it and was driven into the extraordinary position of saying he falsely audited it, but with the consent of Heath & Smith. They might lay aside Heath's testimony and the case was still proved. Both Ingersoll and Farrington knew there was no firm of Heath & Smith. It was not even pretended that the indorsement was written by Heath or Smith. He presented to them a genuine signature of Heath, and asked them to compare it with the indorsement and also the signature to the voucher, and asked them to compare that with the forged indorsement to see the dissimilarity of the first and second and the similarity of the second and third. Mr. Tremain, in conclusion, spoke at length on the failure of the defense to produce the books, and argued that the weakness of the defense was stronger condemnation than the strength of the prosecution. At the conclusion of Mr. Tremain's address, Judge Davis charged the jury.

THE JUDGE'S CHARGE.

Judge Davis, in his charge to the jury, told them that it was not necessary that the evidence in the case should go so far as to show that both the defendants united in forging the name of Heath & Smith, nor was it necessary to show an actual participation on their part in the act of drawing up the paper before the signing of the name. It was simply necessary to show that they both acted in concert for a fraudulent design, and that they were parties to the act subscribing without authority the name or names of some person or persons not connected with the transaction; that act being called by the statute forgery. In order to establish the offense it was not necessary that it should be proved that one or both of the persons committed the forgery falsely or fradulently; it would suffice to show that they procured the doing of it by the hand of another. The jury must be satisfied that the defendants or one of them wrote the names or that by their direction the names were written by some other person at their direction and with a fraudulent design and purpose on their part. It must also appear that the act was done with an intention to injure and defraud the person whose name was forged, because it was enacted by the statute that the act must be done "with an intention to injure or defraud," and the intention to defraud in this case was the alleged attempt to transfer money from the credit of the county to Mr. Ingersoll. The theory of the prosecution was that the defendants, or one of them, for the purpose of getting money from the County to the extent of $15,000, made out a bill formally; that that bill was a fraudulent one, and that it was made out in the name of Heath and Smith, because it would not do to make out a bill in the name of any party with whom the company was connected. The people claimed that the name of the extinct firm of Heath & Smith was used, and that the bill was, in point of fact, a fraudulent one. It was also accompanied by an affidavit signed "E. A. Heath," and it was followed by a certificate as to the correctness of the account signed by James H. Ingersoll and three others. The prosecution claimed that the object of the presentation of that account was to obtain the payment of $15,138, and that as a matter of necessity it had to go through certain formalities before it could be paid. It had to go through the process of auditing, and it was claimed by the prosecution that the warrant was issued in pursuance of that audit to the parties to whom it purported to be payable. Having been signed by the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors, the defendants, as was alleged by the prosecution, consummated the transaction by putting the names of Heath & Smith to the back of it. While it was true that a party was not necessarily guilty of a certain crime because he had committed other crimes, it was equally true that it often happened that it was necessary to remember the various transactions ripening into the crime which was the subject of the indictment. In this way it was the duty of the jury to follow the various transactions submitted to them, in order that they might be able to form an opinion on the particular parts upon which they were to decide. It was alleged that the defendants put the names of Heath & Smith as claimants against the County for $15,138, and the particulars of the whole account had been laid before this jury, because the people claimed that the commencement of the proceeding was a fraud. But in point of fact the firm of Heath & Smith did not exist at the time, and it was claimed that an extinct firm was used without asking the consent of the persons who had composed it. On the other hand, the defense asserted that the transaction was not of that character; they said that there was an account like this against the County, and that that account was in favor of Heath & Smith's Manufacturing Company, and not in favor of Heath & Smith, the old firm, and that Heath knew all about the transaction. If it was true that there was actually an account of a *bona-fide* character belonging to the Heath & Smith Manufacturing Company, and that, for some purpose or another, they directed that it should be made out in the name of the old firm, the object being to get money for the Heath and Smith Manufacturing Company in payment of an actual claim; then in his opinion the charge of fraud could not be maintained, and the final act of indorsing the document under these circumstances would not be a forgery. Having called the attention of the jury to the evidence given on both sides, the Judge said that a most important question of fact to be ascertained was whether the Heath & Smith Manufacturing Company ever had an account against the County of New-York. Having enlarged upon the importance of the issue, he said, he hoped the jury, in coming to a verdict, would be guided solely by the testimony which had been adduced, and not be influenced by any expression of feeling in reference to the case.

The jury retired shortly before 5 o'clock, and returned in about half an hour with a verdict of guilty.

District Attorney Phelps moved for judgment, but, upon the application of Mr. Root, Judge Davis consented to postpone sentence until to-morrow morning.

TWEED STILL AT THE TOMBS.

The "humanity" of Mr. Sheriff Brennan in regard to Tweed is not yet exhausted, and the indications now are that the personal "business affairs" will not be settled up for an indefinite period—not, in fact, before a final decision has been rendered on the bill of exceptions which his counsel are at present busily engaged in preparing. Meanwhile Tweed remains in his comfortable quarters in the Tombs. Among the many rumors afloat, yesterday, in regard to the case, was one which created no little surprise, to the effect that Tweed had secured the services of Mr. Wm. M. Evarts as counsel, and that that gentleman would make the argument on the bill of exceptions when presented to the court. This rumor, however, could not be substantiated. The first person who visited the prisoner, yesterday, was his eldest son, Wm. M. Tweed, Jr., who remained with him for a considerable time. Later in the day he was visited by his wife and daughter. Among others who called upon him were Foster S. Dewey, his secretary; Messrs. Graham and Edelsten, his counsel; his brother, Richard Tweed, and Ex-Coroner Schirmer, his family physician. Deputy Sheriff Shields stated that the prisoner on Tuesday evening was slightly indisposed, but that on yesterday he seemed to be enjoying his wonted health and spirits, and conversed pleasantly with his custodians on the current topics of the day. District Attorney Phelps is highly incensed at the action of Justice on the part of Sheriff Brennan in keeping Tweed at the Tombs, and characterizes his action as a violation of law, and utterly without precedent or justification. Judge Davis is reticent on the subject, probably because he apprehends the matter may come before him in his judicial capacity. A well-known lawyer gave it as his opinion, yesterday, that it would be quite proper for the District Attorney to apply for a mandamus immediately, to compel the Sheriff to carry out the sentence of the court. Many people, however, who profess to speak with authority, assert that the Sheriff is fully justified in his action, and that he has in his possession a temporary stay of proceedings, granted by a Judge of the Supreme Court, directing him to retain Tweed in his custody until the argument on the bill of exceptions shall have been heard and a decision rendered.

THE MAIDEN LANE "DUMPING" NUISANCE.

A delegation of merchants and others waited yesterday on the Commissioners of Docks for the purpose of presenting several protests against the project of erecting a dumping-board at Pier No. 19, foot of Maiden lane. They were received by Commissioners Westervelt, Gardner, and Budd. The members of the delegation were: S. U. F. Odell; Frederick Sturgis, of E. G. Arnold & Co.; Sidney Larimore, of G. H. Messinger & Co.; P. H. Mulready, of E. D. Hurlbut & Co.; Silas Lord, of S. & R. Lord; C. V. A. Scuyler, of C. V. A. Scuyler & Co.; J. T. B. Maxwell; Jonathan Sturgis; S. C. Baylis, of Frothingham, Baylis & Co.; J. C. Green; Theodore Roosevelt; Darwin R. James, of Packard & James; James G. De Forrest, of W. W. De Forrest & Co.; G. P. Wetmore; Mr. West, representative of Isaac H. Knox, administrator of the estate of the late W. W. Scrugham; and John Carle. Mr. Roosevelt explained the purpose with which the delegation waited on the Commissioners. He said that public opinion in all parts of the City was adverse to the proposed project, in favor of which the Police Commissioners could only urge the solitary argument that it would save the City expense to the extent of $21,000. But against that, they had the deterioration of the taxable property in that quarter of the City, and the diminished amount that would be received by the City for wharfage, which would reduce this $21,000 to a mere bagatelle. The delegation, he said, proposed to show the Commissioners that the property holders of the City of New-York would prefer to bear additional taxation rather than have the project carried into effect. Mr. S. U. F. Odell then handed in a protest from the Ship-owners' Association. He alluded to a statement which had been made at the meeting of the previous day to the effect that only a few small schooners used to anchor at Pier No. 19, matters the truth of which the delegation had investigated with a good deal of care. They found that in 1871 one firm alone loaded at that pier twenty-five ships from 827 to 1,500 or 1,600 tons burden. In 1872 the same firm dispatched thirty-three vessels, the tonnage of which was from 800 to 1,800, and during the present year they had loaded, at the same pier, twenty-five ships of a tonnage varying between 620 and 1,800. Mr. Roosevelt then handed in a protest against the proposed dumping-ground, numerously signed by the tax-payers of the City. It contained the following signatures among others: A. T. Stewart, W. H. Astor, J. Lorillard, Moses H. Grinnell, Lenox Kennedy, and H. F. Vail, Bank of Commerce; R. Butler Duncan, Wm. H. Aspinwall, Meredith Howland, Howland & Aspinwall, Fabbri & Chauncey, Peter Cooper, John Taylor Johnston, Adam Norrie, Grinnell, Minturn & Co., A. A. Low & Brother, Brown Brothers & Co., Phelps, Dodge & Co., Geo. Peabody Wetmore, John Jacob Astor, Samuel Wetmore, Henry Williams, John Warren, Jonathan S. Sturges, Drexel, Morgan & Co. This protest, Mr. Roosevelt said, represented the largest tax-payers in the City, and the delegation in presenting it felt that they represented the feeling of the tax-payers generally. Protests were then handed in from the Produce Exchange, from the Cotton Exchange, and from the cart and truck men. A protest was also presented from residents of Brooklyn who do business in New-York. This latter was of very formidable dimensions, and contained about 800 signatures. Mr. Jonathan S. Sturges stated the result of an interview which he had had with Police Commissioner Charlick on the subject. Mr. Charlick, he said, took a very fair view of the matter, and stated that he was desirous of doing what was best under all the circumstances. If there were any place more free from objection he would be glad to select it instead. He believed, however, there would be a saving to the City of some $40,000 by selecting Pier No. 19, but that if the principal tax-payers and merchants preferred that that site should be abandoned, he would not press it. Mr. Odell stated that the market men were unanimously opposed to the project. Capt. Johnson, the Harbor Master having charge of that district, said that there were no less than twenty vessels waiting for berths. Commissioner Gardner stated that the site at the foot of Maiden lane had been selected with the view of saving the tax-payers of New-York some $40,000. Mr. Roosevelt remarked that according to the estimate of the Police Commissioners the saving would be only $21,700. Mr. Gardner was of opinion that that estimate had been corrected. At all events, the matter had been presented to the Commissioners in a new light, but they would have to meet again in session, and afterward confer with the Police Commissioners before coming to a final determination. He wished, he said, to correct an erroneous impression which appeared to prevail, namely, that in order to conserve the interest of some party or other Pier No. 19 had been selected, so that a dumping-ground might be transfered to it from some other locality. No such thing had ever entered into the contemplation of the Commissioners. Mr. Odell hoped that in the event of their decision being adverse to the views of the delegation the Commissioners would take into consideration the letter of the law, and find a "suitable and convenient place" for the dumping-ground. Pier No. 19 might be very convenient, but the question arose whether it was at all suitable. The Commissioners promised to attend to the wishes of the delegation and to communicate with them as soon as they had arrived at a determination. The delegation then retired.

MARRIAGE IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

On the opening of the Court of General Sessions, yesterday, Assistant District Attorney H. Russell informed Recorder Hackett that Thomas Ellis, against whom an indictment had been found on a charge preferred by Mary Dewitt, had expressed his desire to make all the reparation in his power by marrying the complainant. Ellis having been informed by the court that he would be punished for the offense for which he was indicted if he failed to act the part of a good husband, Mr. Russell entered a nolle prosequi on the indictment and the marriage ceremony was performed by the Recorder in the presence of a crowd of spectators.

THE POWHATAN.

THE STEAMER ON HER WAY.

THE MANHATTAN IN TOW—SERVICE ON A MONITOR—THE OFFICERS OF THE POWHATAN.

From Our Own Correspondent.

UNITED STATES STEAMER POWHATAN, Sunday, Nov. 23, 1873.

The Powhatan was to have left the Philadelphia Navy-yard this morning at 11 o'clock, but the packing of a steam-pipe having blown out, a delay of several hours has followed for repairs. The monitor Manhattan dropped down to Fort Mifflin (eight miles below the city) yesterday afternoon, being towed thither by tugs. She is taking on ammunition there; and to-night, it is expected, the Powhatan will proceed to the fort, where she will take on powder, &c. If the Powhatan's steam-pipes are not ready, it is said that she will be towed down by a tug.

It is possible that the Powhatan will proceed straight out to sea to-morrow morning, with the Manhattan in tow, although it is also possible that we may lie at the Breakwater for several days. The pilot is now aboard, and we are expecting orders to up anchor every moment. On the voyage to Key West the Manhattan, I am told, will use her engines exclusively for pumping, her leakage being still great, and she will be towed all the way by the Powhatan. This will make the trip a slow one, even if the monitor be not found too unseaworthy to venture all the way to Key West, and it should be necessary to dock her at Norfolk. The Powhatan has sufficient coal stowage to carry her across the Atlantic, (600 tons,) but the Manhattan will have to stop once or more between here and Key West for coal.

Life in a monitor is not the most delightful, and all officers dread to be ordered to one. Nevertheless, our monitors have generally made all trips safely upon which they have ventured, and have stood the shock of battle, as well as that of storm, very well. Officers who have served and sailed on them say that they are very comfortable; but this statement is taken with many grains of salt by others, who suspect that those who thus report are something in the situation of the fox who lost his tail. The general impression is (and any one who examines them will see enough to justify the opinion) that on a monitor there is not room enough below to swing a cat—that they are very damp, when not flooded—that they are ill-ventilated when at sea—that there is no light except artificial, and that there are other discomforts. I am told that when any one has made a voyage on a monitor (which is generally under water when moving, except in the smoothest sea,) he comes up with a complexion of the most ghastly pallor, which he does not easily get rid of. All concur, however, that a monitor is less disturbed by the motion of the sea than any other vessel, as the waves which strike against the sides of an ordinary ship pass completely over her. Although the dread of service in a monitor is so strong and widespread throughout the navy, yet it is held a point of honor as well as of duty to accept the situation when ordered to it. Still, I hear of resignations on account of orders to serve on monitors—an engineer ordered to the Manhattan (among others) resigning at the frantic entreaties of his wife. The Captain's cabin on the Manhattan is a very small and irregularly-shaped cuddy, with the scantiest accommodations of every kind. The other officers are even less well accommodated, and the crew, when there is any, stow themselves away in all sorts of odd nooks of the most contracted character. There is no crew at present on the Manhattan, as none is yet needed.

The Powhatan is listed as a second rate and class, carrying seventeen guns, sixteen of which are 9-inch and one 11-inch. The total complement of the crew is 333, of which thirty are officers. There are also thirty-seven marines on board, besides eighteen to be conveyed to the Pawnee, at Key West. The Powhatan was constructed at Norfolk—begun in 1850, and completed in 1859. She made her first cruise in Commodore Perry's Japan expedition; was next in the China fleet, as Commodore Tatnall's flagship, and was carried into the fight between the Chinese and English, at the mouth of the Peiho River, Tatnall explaining, in justification of his action, that "blood is thicker than water." In 1860, the first Japan Embassy came over in the Powhatan. When the late war began, she was sent under the command of Lieut. D. D. Porter, (now Admiral,) to the relief of Fort Pickens, subsequently sailing 11,000 miles in pursuit of the Sumter. Afterward she was attached to the South Atlantic fleet. At the attack on Fort Fisher, she flew the divisional flag of Commodore Schenck. In 1865, the Powhatan was flagship of the West Gulf, and shared in the blockade of the Stonewall, in Havana. Afterward she accompanied the double-turret monitor Monadnock to the Pacific, where she was flagship until 1869. Being afterward brought to Philadelphia and repaired, she was commissioned for "special duty," in which she has served till ordered to the present service. She has probably cruised more miles than any other vessel in the navy. Before the new system of registry was adopted, she rated as a first class, and would now be so rated if she were a screw propeller instead of a side-wheel steamer.

OFFICERS OF THE POWHATAN.

The officers of the Powhatan are as follows: J. C. Beaumont, Captain commanding, of Pennsylvania; Bartlett J. Cromwell, Lieutenant Commander and Executive Officer, of Pennsylvania; C. F. Schmitz, Lieutenant Commander and Navigator, of Indiana; F. M. Gore, Lieutenant, of New-Hampshire; James H. Dayton, Lieutenant, of Indiana; James M. Grimes, Lieutenant, of Illinois; T. M. Etting, Master, of Pennsylvania; J. P. Wallis, Master, of Maryland; S. H. May, Master, (temporarily attached,) of New-Hampshire; G. F. W. Holman, Ensign, of California; Charles E. Vreeland, Ensign, of New-Jersey; Hugo Osterhaus, Ensign, (temporarily attached,) of Missouri; J. P. J. Augur, Ensign, of District of Columbia; A. C. Dillingham, Ensign, (temporarily attached,) of Pennsylvania; T. G. C. Salter, Ensign, of New-Hampshire; H. L. Green, Ensign, (temporarily attached,) of New-York; S. D. Kennedy, Surgeon, of Maryland; M. H. Simons, Assistant Surgeon, of Ohio; L. G. Billings, Paymaster, of New-York; W. W. Dungan, Chief Engineer, of Maryland; W. W. Heaton, First Assistant Engineer, of New-York; Harris Webster, Second Assistant Engineer, of District of Columbia; R. R. Leitch, Cadet Engineer, of Maryland; L. W. Wooster, Cadet Engineer, of New-Jersey; J. M. T. Young, First Lieutenant, United States Marine Corps, of Maryland; Joseph Smith, Gunner, of Pennsylvania; J. B. Aikin, Boatswain, of Massachusetts; Isaac Cooper, Carpenter, of New-Jersey; G. C. Boerum, Sail-maker, of New-York; J. De Bree Higgins, Captain's Clerk, of Virginia; J. A. Delnes, Pay Clerk, of Virginia.

SKETCHES OF THE OFFICERS—CAPT. BEAUMONT.

Capt. Beaumont was appointed Midshipman in 1838 from Pennsylvania by President Van Buren. He served successively in the sloop Erie, frigate Constellation, and sloop Ontario, West India Squadron, for twenty-eight months. Served forty-two months, from 1840 to 1844, in the frigate Constellation, East India Squadron, and was promoted Passed Midshipman May 20, 1844. Was on the ship of the line Ohio, Gulf Squadron, during the Mexican war, 1846-47, and was made acting Lieutenant of the frigate Columbia in 1847. In 1848, served some time in Washington Observatory and in the Coast Survey. Was acting Master of the razee Independence, Mediterranean Squadron, from 1849 to 1852, during which period he was promoted to acting Lieutenant. Was promoted to Master Aug. 20, 1851. Served again at Washington Observatory in 1852-54. Was commissioned Lieutenant, Aug. 20, 1852. Was on special service on steamer San Jacinto in 1855, and subsequently served on frigate Potomac, Home Squadron, 1856; steam frigate Wabash, Home Squadron, 1857; receiving ship New-York, 1858-59; steam sloop Hartford, East India Squadron, 1859-60, and sloop John Adams, 1860-61. July 14, 1862, was commissioned Commander. Commanded the gunboat Sebago, (on blockade service), 1862-63, and the gunboat Arcostook, 1863. In command of the Arcostook, he cooperated with the Flotilla, under Capt. John Rodgers, in the numerous engagements along James River, and in the attack on Fort Darling, (or Drewry's Bluff.) In 1863, commanding the monitor Nantucket, participated in the many bombardments of Fort Wagner, Charleston Harbor. In command of the Mackinaw, 1864-65, hunted torpedoes in James River, and was in all the engagements of Admiral Porter's fleet with Fort Fisher and all subsequent engagements in the Cape Fear River. Capt. Beaumont successfully carried the first iron-clad across the Atlantic—the Miantonomoh, which he commanded—in 1866-67, cruising along the coast of Europe, the vessel attracting much attention at the time as a curiosity, if not a monstrosity, of naval construction. He also brought the Miantonomoh home again. He was promoted Captain for meritorious service, and took command of the Powhatan in July last.

LIEUT. COMMANDER CROMWELL.

On the breaking out of the war of secession, Mr. Cromwell was one of ten midshipmen selected from the graduating class at Annapolis, to march to Washington City with the Seventy-first New-York Regiment (communication by rail being then temporarily cut off by the troubles at Baltimore) to report for duty. He was ordered to the Iroquois, which was sent in pursuit of the Sumpter, and was attached to the Iroquois during the blockade of the Sumpter at St. Pierre, Martinique, until that vessel escaped. Six months after leaving Annapolis he was transferred to the Quaker City, under Capt. Frailey, as navigator of that vessel, and six months later to the Conemaugh, as executive officer. From the Conemaugh he was placed in temporary command of the captured ram Atlanta, to take her from Port Royal to Philadelphia. He was Capt. Shufeldt's executive officer aboard the Conemaugh, the Proteus, and the Miantanomoh, when the last-named formed one of the squadron to receive the remains of the late Mr. Peabody at Portland, Me. Afterward he cruised in the Mediterranean as executive officer of the Plymouth, under Capt. Breese, and served a term at the Torpedo Station, Newport, till ordered to the present duty.

LIEUT. COMMANDER SCHMITZ.

Mr. Schmitz was born in Indiana, from which State he was appointed to the Naval Academy in October, 1859, remaining there till 1864. From 1864 to 1865 he served in the gun-boat Marblehead, and from 1865 to 1867 he was attached to the steam-frigate Colorado, the flag-ship of the European squadron. Dec. 1, 1866, he was promoted Master and served on the Piscataqua, flag-ship of the Asiatic Squadron, from 1867 to 1870. March 12, 1868, he was commissioned as Lieutenant, and became Lieutenant Commander Dec. 16, 1868.

PAYMASTER BILLINGS AND CHIEF SURGEON KENNEDY.

Paymaster Billings, though nominally a non-combatant, has a brilliant record for heroism. He served through the late war on the United States steamer Water Witch, taking part in various engagements in the South Atlantic Squadron until June, 1864, when that vessel was captured, after a severe conflict, by a party of Confederates, while lying in Ossabaw Sound, Georgia. In that affair Paymaster Billings met Lieut. Pillow in a hand-to-hand conflict and killed him, and is credited with putting several others of the boarders *hors du combat* before he was himself overpowered, receiving two severe wounds. For "conspicuous heroism" in this engagement he was promoted fifteen numbers. He was confined in the "Libby," at Richmond, as a prisoner of war, for seven months, when he was exchanged. Subsequently he made a cruise in the United States steamer Connecticut through the West Indies, looking for Confederate privateers, and assisted in the blockade of the Stonewall in Havana. In 1866 he was ordered to the United States steamers Wateree, in the South Pacific; witnessed the fight between the Spanish fleet and the Peruvians at Callao; cruised in the South Pacific until August, 1868, when the Wateree was lost some three-fourths of a mile inland by the tidal wave at Arica, when that city was destroyed by earthquake. Mr. Billings served three years on the receiving-ship at Norfolk, Va., and has been attached to this ship since she was put in commission in 1871.

Chief Surgeon Kennedy, a native of Virginia, was appointed to the service from Maryland, May 9, 1861, and did gallant duty in Pensacola Harbor in 1861, insomuch that his valor was recorded in THE TIMES of that date.

MOVEMENTS OF THE TWO VESSELS.

FORT MIFFLIN BLUFFS, Sunday Night, Nov. 23.

At 2:15 P. M., to-day, having repaired her steam-pipe, the Powhatan moved down to this point, which is about three quarters of a mile below Fort Mifflin. The Manhattan and Powhatan have now both completed their supply of ammunition, and are ready to sail. The monitor will move down to the breakwater in the morning at 9 o'clock, by her own steam, to test her going capacity, and the Powhatan will follow shortly after, passing the monitor and waiting for her. When she comes up the Powhatan will take her in tow, and see how the two operate in tant connection. Whether both will put at once to sea, remains yet to be seen, but that is the probability, although we now have a very dark and rainy night, with the awnings up on deck.

JOHN T. IRVING TO BE TRIED FOR BURGLARY.

After a searching investigation, District Attorney Phelps and the Police authorities have come to the conclusion that John T. Irving, the self-accused accomplice in the Nathan murder, whose recent "confessions" have created such excitement, cannot be believed. In his interviews with the authorities Irving refused to impart the information which he claimed was in his possession until the District Attorney consented to *nolle prosequi* the indictments found against him. Under all the circumstances of the case, Mr. Phelps did not see any reason to believe Irving's story, and ordered him to be tried on the charges for which he had been indicted. The case was put upon the calendar of the Court of General Sessions yesterday, and that it is becoming known attracted an unusual crowd who were anxious to see the notorious criminal. The prisoner was called up to be arraigned, and his appearance caused considerable sensation in court. Two indictments have been found against Irving, one by the Oyer and Terminer Grand Jury, on the 10th September last, for breaking into the store of Henry A. Casperfield, No. 206 Chatham street, on the 1st of June, 1873, and stealing therefrom eighty-seven silver and four gold watches, fifty-four silver rings, fifty silver thimbles, one gold thimble, a gold locket, and other property, amounting in all to $1,000. The other indictment is an old one, found on the 3d of August, 1870, and charges that on the 18th May, 1870, Irving and a man named Charles Carr, who was sent to State Prison in July, 1870, broke through the wall of a room hired by them at No. 5 Delancey street, and effected an entrance into the pawn-office of Wm. Nelson and Thomas and Robert Green, at No. 161 Bowery. Irving and his accomplice are charged with stealing from this pawn-office property to the value of $200,000, consisting of seventy watches, 100 watch-chains, 500 diamonds, and a quantity of silver-ware. Counsel for the prisoner pleaded not guilty, and being

BILLIARDS.

THE CHICAGO BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

From Our Own Correspondent.

CHICAGO, Saturday, Nov. 22, 1873.

The prominent professional billiard-players of the West have, during the past two weeks, been in this city in connection with the tournament. The occasion was one of great interest to those who play the "gentleman's game," and the several contests were very gratifying to a number of personal friends of those specially concerned. The tournament, of which Alderman Tom Foley was the manager, was got up at a time for four manufacturing firms, instead of one, as in the case of the New-York meeting, and it was calculated to create an enthusiasm for the game which would materially benefit the more prominent room-keepers. The tourney was preceded by a match game for $1,000, between Maurice Daly, of New-York, and George F. Slosson, of Chicago. The former undertook to give the odds of 100 in 800 points, and was defeated, only by 7 points, however. It was from first to last a lively struggle. It developed uncommon nerve and skill on the part of Slosson, and it confirmed the reports that Daly occasionally comes to a stand-still in his public matches. But for this infirmity on his part, he might have won the game with ease, for he had recovered his odds before it was half concluded. On the Monday evening following the tournament was inaugurated. The attendance was not large, and with but two or three exceptions the audiences have not been great during the entire time. This fact is attributable to the existing stringency in money matters, and not to a lack of interest in the games. From the opening four games were played daily, with the exception of two evenings, when the Star lecture-course managers claimed possession of the hall. It was believed that the first prize would go to one of three players. The votes of the pool-seller was heard nightly at Foley's billiard hall, on Clark street. M. Ubasay sold for first choice, Prof. Garnier second, Maurice Daly third, and Cyrille Dion and the others constituted a field worth but little, and not eagerly sought after. As the tournament progressed, the "sports" and those who bet "for the fun of the thing" were further confirmed in their opinions that either Daly or one of the two Frenchmen would win the gold medal. Five games in succession the "wizard" won; his sixth was with Cyrille Dion. To more than one person Cyrille boasted his intention to beat the old fish, and when they came together there was a certain confidence in himself and such a display of skill as speedily assured those present that he was in fine form, and, barring something extraordinary on the part of Ubasay, would surely win the prize. It was a close struggle, and a long and tedious one, but Dion lasted longer than his opponent, and won the game. This left two games yet to be played by Monsieur, and with George Slosson, the other with Prof. Garnier, champion of the world. He won from Slosson by 30 points. Then came his last game. It was a contest characterized by great feat and evident weakness on the part of both; it was a struggle won simply because the winner had better luck than his opponent. It was impossible to tell which of the two contestants was the most frightened. The slaughter canoes were missed; their forces and followers were wretchedly attempted; their massés miserable failures; their nursing clumsy endeavors, only resulting in innumerable freezes and failures to reach the second object ball. Garnier was pale and almost helpless; Ubasay was perspiring and breathing; the large audience were impatient to have the game over. Finally, the contest resulted in favor of Monsieur. The old school had gained a temporary advantage over the new, not because the one was better than the other, but because the exponent of the new was not in fit condition to defend his teachings. There was one great player left for Garnier to meet—Maurice Daly. With him defeated, the Professor would have an opportunity to show home talent his countryman. Meantime the youthful Maurice had been defeated by the elder Dion. It was a wretched exhibition of professional skill, and Daly attributes his lack of success to a want of confidence in his cue. The result of this game placed Daly in a peculiar position. If he won from Garnier, there was a chance left him for second prize; if he lost he would drop so far to the rear in the race that he would stand on a level only with Joseph Dion, for fourth prize. Garnier and Daly came together on Wednesday evening. Theirs was the last regular game of the tourney, and was witnessed by a large audience. The result was an overwhelming defeat of the pet of New-York. Prof. Garnier was in the finest possible condition, and as if heartily ashamed of his conduct of the evening before, he played remarkable billiards. In the short time of one hour and a half, he made 600, while Daly was making but 340 points. His average to the inning was upward of 11 points. It was a beautiful exhibition, and the winner was loudly applauded. There were not a few, however, who were sorry for Maurice, and who had nothing in their sympathy over his defeat.

The tournament was over, but the prizes were not yet decided of. There was a tie for the first and second, for the fourth; Cyrille Dion was, beyond question, a winner of the third. The two tie games took place on Friday evening, before one of the largest and best audiences ever seen at a billiard match. The Mayor of the city, Congressman Rice, Postmaster McArthur, Gen. Sheridan, Gen. Frank Wheaton, Gen. Farnsworth, an ex-M. C., Hon. Phil. Sheridan, several of the more prominent Chicago editors, and other well-known citizens, were among those present. The first game of the evening was between Joseph Dion and Maurice Daly, and resulted in a victory for the latter. It was by no means a good game, and at one time it seemed certain that Daly would lose. But he struggled hard, and finally won the game and the fourth prize. Then came the grand *finale*, with M. Ubasay and Prof. Garnier playing the leading roles. Previously to the game it was requested that the audience refrain as much as possible from applause or exhibitions of partisan feeling. With but few exceptions, they obeyed the request, and but for a few hisses directed toward Garnier at a time when he made a center or a freeze, and which the referee disallowed, there was nothing which might be construed into discourtesy to either contestant. In the earlier stages of the game both players were evidently struggling to overcome their fear of each other. The old man was watching his opponent; the younger player was seeing to it that Monsieur did nothing which might work to his advantage. For several innings it seemed as if their precautions were to be repeated, so clumsy were their efforts to make successful shots. But the Professor was the first to recover his confidence, and from then on to the finish he was once again the prince of players. Four and then 6 was the perfection of billiards. And as rapidly grew toward the close of the game his every stroke was applauded. The old man was now forgetting the game in one of his innings. He made a count, but the Referee disallowed it, whereupon Ubasay threw down his cue, and with a most reasonable remark to the effect he was ashamed to continue his efforts. Finally the game was won by Garnier, the young Frenchman had re-established his right to be called the champion of the world. A little scene followed. At the close of every previous game, the contestants took each other by the hand—the one to express his joy that victory had rested with him, the other to congratulate. Prof. Garnier extended his hand to M. Ubasay, but the latter refused to accept it. His friends insisted that he should shake hands, but he persistently refused. When asked to explain, M. Ubasay replied: "I will not be induced to play as honorable game. I have many times taken an unworthy advantage of any opponent, and I would rather lose a game than permit myself to win. My opponent in the game just finished has done me no charge me before this audience with dishonorable acts. I am satisfied that I did not, although he thinks I did. His request was granted by the referee. The scene was a novel one, and is mentioned here because it would give an opinion in accordance with the facts. Garnier, by this act, undertook to make it appear that the stigma to attach him. The man who would do this is guilty of a crime, and I will not shake hands with one whom I believe to be no gentleman." This afternoon the prizes were presented to the several winners.

The following tabulated statement will furnish such other information as is needed by the friends of billiards:

Players.	Games Played.	Games Won.	Games Lost.	Average.	Largest Run.	Total Points.	Total Innings.	Total Number of Balls.
Garnier	7	1	6	17	9-26	2 969-2026	82	3026	9,729
Daly	7	4	3	13	29-31	7 313-358	60	385	9,708
C. Dion	7	4	3	11	47-76	1 790-850	80	900	7,350
M. Ubasay	7	3	4	10	14-17	2 243-287	120	1027	7,210
J. Dion	7	1	6	7	15-55	1 260-435	164	423	7,200
Slosson	7	6	1	24	6	2 710-875	63	875	2,460
Garnier	7	7	0	31	26-35	3 251-407	71	407	9,266
Daly	7	0	7	8	15-70	3 286-384	48	384	1,459

Further than this it appears that Prof. Garnier made 14 runs and 10 scratches, M. Ubasay 15 hours and 30 minutes, Cyrille Dion 11 hours and 40 minutes, Maurice Daly 18 hours and 30 minutes, Joseph Dion 16 hours and 15 minutes, George Slosson 15 hours and 50 minutes, John Belknap 15 hours and 30 minutes, and Peter Snyder 13 hours and 45 minutes in playing the respective total number of games. And further, a general computation shows that there were 11,300 points made by the winners, and 7,799 points made by the losers; that the winners had 1,538, and the losers 1,468 innings; that 339 misses were made during the tournament, and that the actual time engaged was 126 hours and 40 minutes.

THE STEERAGE PASSAGE.

OFFICIAL REPORT ON THE TREATMENT OF STEERAGE PASSENGERS COMING TO THIS COUNTRY—RATES OF MORTALITY, &c.

From Our Own Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Nov. 24, 1873.

Dr. John W. Woodworth, Supervising Surgeon of the Marine Hospital Service, has submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury his report of an investigation into the treatment and condition of steerage passengers, made during the months of July, August, and September, 1873, at the ports of New-York, Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, with suggestions of needed legislation concerning the emigration service. The following is a synopsis of the more important portions of the report: Dr. Woodworth personally examined thirty passenger vessels, comprising twenty-one steam-ships and nine sailing vessels, and made an inspection of 8,488 steerage passengers carried on them. On account of the season of the year few of the compartments contained the maximum number of passengers allowed by law. The average space legally allowed on the vessels examined being 15 23-100 superficial feet, while the space actually occupied was 17 75-100 to each passenger. The official reports of the Collectors of Customs were found to be inaccurate. This inaccuracy consisted in incorrect reports as to the passenger capacity, and as to the number of decks, ventilation, and a variety of minor details. One result of these inaccuracies is that vessels frequently carry an excess of passengers. These errors, it is believed, originate in the loose and inoperative law under which examinations are made, and under which the duties of the examiners are merely nominal. The chief evil caused by these inaccuracies is impairing the value of the statistics obtained from such sources, since no action has ever been maintained for a reported violation of any of the provisions of the act of March 3, 1855. The condition of the law in this respect is stated by Ex-Solicitor of the Treasury Jordan, who says that he is "of the opinion that there is too much doubt as to the application of the penalties to the cases of a vessel arriving from abroad to warrant any attempt to enforce them." It was found that the vessels took especial pains to have an appearance of cleanliness upon arriving in port, when they are to be examined by health officers and other officials of the public service. Consequently a chemical analysis of the atmosphere of the steerage compartments would have been entirely misleading for any purposes of sanitary knowledge or legislation. Instead of this, a careful study was made of the appliances for ventilation. There is no uniform system of ventilation, but the newer steam vessels are believed to be quite as well, if not better, ventilated than the average hospital, hotel, or other public buildings. It is believed that the combination of the present system of ventilation, "propulsion," with the "suction" system, would possess decided advantages over the use of either singly, and it is suggested that it is entirely feasible to utilize the escaping heat of the furnace-rooms and of the funnel, for creating the exhaust current from the steerage compartments through properly-located foul-air shafts, by which mode the "suction" of foul air from the steerage could be efficiently and economically combined with the "propulsion" of fresh air into the compartments by the usual ventilating-shafts and wind-sails.

The general treatment of emigrants on board ships was, from the manner in which the examinations were made, largely a matter of inference, rather than a matter of observation. The personal examination of a large number of steerage passengers, however, and a critical inspection of their quarters, together with a collection of the various reports and statistics for the last ten years, show that the ill-treatment of steerage passengers is, to a great extent, a matter of history. The substitution of steam vessels has greatly improved the condition of emigration. It has resulted in shorter voyages, better accommodations, and better food. The respective per millages of mortality being—

On sailing vessels for 1867, 11.67; 1872, 5.42. On steam-ships for 1867, 1.03; 1872, .45.

For these improvements the United States can take little credit, owing to the almost entire destruction of the American commercial marine. For, with the exception of collecting a penalty of $10 for every steerage passenger over eight years of age who dies on the voyage, we do not hold foreign vessels to any regulations whatever, and the examination of such vessels by our inspectors "to ascertain whether the requirements of the law have been complied with," (section 9, act of March 3, 1855,) are made as a matter of form only, so far as the exaction of any penalties for non-compliance with the requirements of the law is concerned. That the use of steam vessels instead of sailing vessels has much to do with the lessening of the death rate is shown by the fact that where the service is to any great extent performed by sailing vessels, the mortality rises in direct ratio to the proportion of passengers carried by them. Thus, during the five years above quoted, while the mortality on sailing vessels was reduced over fifty per cent., only about eight per cent. of the total number of emigrants was carried on them in 1872, while nearly twenty-five per cent. was so carried in 1867. A striking proof of the connection between these two facts, as cause and effect, was found in the statistical report of Baltimore during the Spring of 1873. At this port for the quarter ending March 31, 1871, there arrived 1,609 steerage emigrants, of whom 711 were brought by sail and 954 by steam. Of the former thirty-two died on the voyage, and only two of the latter, being in the ratio of one death to every forty-seven and seven-tenths steam passengers, and of one to every twenty-two and two-tenths sail passengers. The usual mode of stating the mortality on shipboard is misleading to those not accustomed to distinguish between per annum mortality and mortality per voyage. During the last six months of 1873 the per annum mortality of steam passengers was a little less than the per annum mortality of the United States, which is a most favorable showing for steam-ships compared with the mortality of sailing vessels for the same period—a mortality which equaled a per millage of forty-four and eighty-two hundredths. In connection with all ship mortality statistics, it should be remembered that emigrants are, to a certain extent, "selected lives," for they are all examined before leaving the port of embarkation, and are generally persons in the prime of life, and healthy.

With the exception of certain measures, looking to protecting passengers from contact with the crew, there would seem, from the general testimony, little to be desired in the treatment of emigrants on steam-ship lines. As to the sailing vessels, it is believed that competition is driving them out of the passenger-carrying trade so rapidly as to render it unnecessary to recommend any specific action with regard to them.

The report adds that as regards the subject of re-establishing the National Bureau of Emigration, concerning which inquiry was directed to be made by the Senate resolution, the conclusion is reached that such an agency is inexpedient and unnecessary, since it would be the occasion for renewed protests and hostilities on the part of State organizations, and would be contrary to the repeated decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States, to the effect that States have paramount authority in all matters for which such a bureau could be created. It is further urged that the bureau was formerly abolished on account of its actual failure.

THE CHICAGO IRON-WORKERS.

Chicago journals express the opinion that the employes of the various large iron mills in and around that city have a gloomy prospect before them for the coming Winter. The Union Rolling Mills will keep their men at work until Christmas only. The Joliet Iron and Steel Company is still busy, keeping its full force employed—paying one-half wages down and the balance in due-bills payable in three months. The works will close Jan. 1, and remain so for about one month in order to make repairs. The North Chicago Rolling Mills stopped Nov. 17. A short time since the company agreed with its employes to pay them one-quarter cash, and give six months' due-bills drawing seven per cent. interest for the balance, and every man was accordingly paid off. But the boys and men in the mills soon found out the scheme, and refused to work on such terms. The company had to accept their work or to keep a large number of the police over at work all Winter, as the strike has rendered it necessary to close the works, and 1,500 men are thrown out of employment. No steel rails have been made at this mill since September last.

FOREIGN NOTES.

Dog-fighting has been prohibited throughout Japan, and any transgressors in this respect are to be fined, and the dogs will be killed. Might we not advantageously follow the example set by the Japanese?

The supply of coal in the Sheffield district is now considerably in excess of the demand, and it is probable that prices will shortly be reduced. At one colliery alone not less than 10,000 tons of coal are stacked, and there are also large stocks of coke accumulating.

Australian advices show a most satisfactory condition of business in those colonies. The building trade cannot find hands enough to complete contracts. The clothing factories are overrun with work, and domestic servants cannot be had at the highest wages. All occupations are similarly brisk, and good workmen are never out of work.

A cork manufacturer was recently summoned in London for the recovery of a debt, when he said that all the cork used in the metropolis came from that portion of Spain which was held at the present moment by the Carlists; and since the war the cork manufacturers of the United Kingdom had been utterly ruined in their business. There was no hope of a change until the termination of the war. Within the past few days the price of cork had advanced ten per cent., and was likely to increase rather than diminish. He himself had had to discharge all his hands and take to journey work.

Jean Ragnotti, a celebrated Swiss chamois hunter, has just lost his life while pursuing his avocation. He started from the Spluegen, in company with his brother and two other persons, to hunt in the direction of Suvers. He walked in advance of his comrades, when all at once the ground gave way under him, and he was precipitated to the bottom of a deep ravine, where his body was found dreadfully disfigured.

At Gen. Von Manteuffel's suggestion, the German Government has decided to establish at Mayence a large manufactory of preserved meat and vegetables for the use of the army. The outlay (including the cost of the site, amounting to 100,000 thalers,) is estimated at 900,000 thalers. There are to be four steam engines in the place, representing collectively 200-horse power.

The Marquis and Marchioness of Bute have gone to Rome. It is said their business is connected with the establishment of a Roman Catholic university in England. If the scheme receive the sanction of the Pope, the Roman Catholic aristocracy have promised to give large pecuniary assistance; the Marquis of Bute's contribution, it is said, will be £50,000.

A Brussels correspondent writes: "A general rise in the prices of all kinds of goods and provisions has been noticeable here for some time past. This is attributable to the existence of the double money standard and the depreciation of the silver money. The twenty-franc gold pieces have disappeared from circulation."

The Prince and Princess of Wales, on a recent journey from the north of Scotland lost three of their children at Edinburgh. They stopped at the West End Station, intending to drive into the town and dine. They got into a private carriage that was placed at their disposal and drove to the Clarendon. During dinner it was accidentally discovered that the three youngest children and their nurses were nowhere to be found, and great was the dismay of everyone. When last seen they were safely packed in a cab, but no one had given cabby directions where to drive to, and in the bustle of the streets he had evidently lost sight of the brougham. Messengers were sent off to scour all the hotels, and after a short interval the children were discovered busily engaged with bread and butter in the Douglas, and blissfully unconscious that the entire femininity of the city was on the verge of hysterics on their account.

The Bristol *Times and Mirror* says that the boring for the Severn Tunnel is watched with great interest by geologists and persons in search of coal. On two or three occasions they have already touched coal measures, and, as it is believed that vast quantities of coal lie in the moors along the Bristol Channel, it is thought that the works under the bed of the Severn will in all probability place the matter beyond doubt. Under a part of Nailsea, extensive beds of coal have already been found.

It is announced from Constantinople that the Turkish Treasury has agreed to pay twenty-two per cent. interest and two per cent. commission to the Credit Mobilier for the advance of £4,000,000.

A movement is on foot in Dublin, at the instance of the Royal Dublin Society, to introduce a system of electro-sympathetic clocks, one standard clock for the city being maintained in the Royal Dublin Society, correct within the fraction to a second by a daily signal from Greenwich.

One of the most striking features of the close of the Vienna Exhibition was the activity of British enterprise and capital in buying up the various articles which had been exhibited in the different classes. The contents of some of the departments were bought up almost wholly for transmission to England. Nor was private enterprise less active; and it is said that many, if not the majority, of the best specimens of painting, sculpture, &c., are already on their way to enrich the galleries and collections of private persons in England.

LORD BYRON AND LORD CADURCIS.

The *Athenæum* prints the following letter from Mr. Henry Bright, dated Liverpool: "The following autograph letter of Lord Byron has, so far as I know, never been published; and, whether published or not, has a curious literary interest attaching to it. It was given to me some twenty years ago, and the friend from whom I received it believes that he bought it at a sale at Sotheby's in or about 1843. It is addressed to Sir Godfrey Webster, Upper Brook street, London, Angleterre—Inghilterra (on the side.) It bears the post marks of Pisa and Milano, and the broken seal shows the Baron's coronet and the horse supporters of the Byrons, but the coat of arms cannot properly be made out, and from what is left I do not detect the three bendlets. The letter is as follows: 'Pisa, April 12, 1822. Dear W.: Why don't you take a turn in Italy? I should be delighted to see you again, which is far more than I shall ever say of Sir for your island, or anything therein. They complain of my abusing England, my mother country—a stepdame, I take it. I made out a list the other day of all the things and persons I have been compared to. It begins well with Alcibiades, but it ends with the Swiss giantess or the Polish dwarf. I forget which. I have now to add another description, sermonized by Parson Styles, depising me as "a denaturalized being, who, having drained the cup of sin to its bitterest dregs, is resolved to show that he is no longer human even in his frailties, but a cool, unconcerned fiend." That's damnably cool, that's flat, Parson! Well, I hope that neighbor-loving divine's holy rage will not put you in bodily fear of being cannibalized by such an *ogre* as the author of sundry blasphemous works, should you cross the Alps. A fig for all their clamor—"Come one, come all"—we will fight it out. While I once take you in hand it will be difficult for me not "to make sport for the Philistines." Now we look upon ourselves as something, oh! fellow with some pish,—how we could lay it on. I think I see them wincing under the thong, the pompous politrons. Sunburn me if I don't tan their asses' skins for them. As to what I have said about you, never mind; it was only bend your back and, under those legitimate circumstances, why even our best friends cannot expect us to spare them. Pray reply; news are worth money. Believe me, always, yours very affectionately, BYRON.' And now I wish to call your attention to a very odd circumstance; coincidence it cannot be. In Mr. Disraeli's *Venetia*, Lord Byron is drawn under the name of Lord Cadurcis, and in Chapter IV. of Book VI. we have one of his conversations with Herbert (Shelley.) Here is an extract: 'Now is it not the most wonderful thing in the world that you and I have met?' said Cadurcis. 'Now I look upon ourselves as something like, oh! Fellows with some pith in them. By Jove, if we only joined together, how we could lay it on! Crack, crack, crack! I think I see them wincing under the thong—the pompous politrons! If you knew how they behaved to me!' A few sentences more, and Cadurcis continues, 'I made out a list the other day of all the persons and things I have been compared to. It begins well with Alcibiades, but it ends with the Swiss giantess or the Polish dwarf, I forget which.' Again, in Chapter VIII. of the same book, Cadurcis says, 'and then they complain of my abusing England, my good old country! Stepdame, I take it.' It is then apparent either that Mr. Disraeli made use of this letter, published or not, in writing the character of Lord Cadurcis, or else that this is one of the curious Byron forgeries of George Gordon, which attracted such attention in 1855. In illustrates either Mr. Disraeli's mode of work-manship, or that of the clever forger. Certainly the letter reads like a genuine letter of Lord Byron, and the handwriting appears undeniably in his autograph. The water-mark on the paper is the crown with *dove* in it, a sort of *dove sustenant*, and the initials W. R. interlaced together. I should add that the second page of the letter does not, to me at least, appear to be dated on which he got it; but if his impression is correct it, of course, bears out the view that it is an unpublished autograph."

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1300	do.	85⅛	300	do.			25⅞
1400	do.	85¼	200	do.		s.	25⅞
200	do.	85⅛	900	Union Pacific.			22
100	do.	85	200	do.			22⅛
2200	do.	85	100	do.			22¼
2000	do.	85⅛	100	do.			22⅜
1000	do.	84⅞	200	do.			22⅜
1100	do.	84⅝	600	do.			22⅝
500	do.	85	100	do.		s30.	22⅝
100	do.	85	300	do.		c.	21⅝
100	do.	85⅛	100	do.			21⅝
100	do.	85⅛	100	Atlantic and Pac.			15
200	do.	85⅛	100	do.			15⅛
1400	Pacific Mail.	30	160	do.		s5.	15⅛
500	do.	29⅞	300	North-western.			47
400	do.	30	100	do.		s.	47⅛
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The New York Times.

NEW-YORK, THURSDAY, NOV. 27, 1873.

AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—HUMPTY DUMPTY ABROAD—Mr. G. L. Fox, Miss Hayward. Matinée at 1:30.

BROADWAY THEATRE.—THE NEW MAGDALEN—Miss Carlotta Leclercq, Mr. H. H. Wood. Matinée at 1:30.

UNION SQUARE THEATRE.—THE WICKED WORLD—Miss Clara Morris, Mr. M. Rankin. Matinée at 1:30.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.—THE BLACK CROOK—Mr. C. R. Morton, Mr. George Atkins. Matinée at 1:30.

GRAND THEATRE.—ENOCH ARDEN—Mr. Edwin Adams. Matinée at 2.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.—MERCHANT OF VENICE—Mr. Edwin Booth.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—THE LIAR, and TO OBLIGE BENSON—Mr. Lester Wallack, Miss Lewis.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.—DRAMATIC PERFORMANCES afternoon and evening. Curiosities.

MRS. CONWAY'S THEATRE, BROOKLYN.—THE GENEVA CROSS—Mrs. F. B. Conway, Mr. Frank Roche.

BRYANT'S MINSTRELS.—FARCES, SINGING, CONCERTINA—Messrs. Unsworth, F. Seymour, and others.

THE RING.—BARNUM'S MUSEUM, MENAGERIE, AND CIRCUS. Afternoon and evening.

LYCEUM THEATRE.—HOTEL DARK and THE DEBUTANTE—Mr. T. C. King, Mr. C. Wheatleigh.

COOPER INSTITUTE.—PRESTIDIGITATION AND LADIES' GAS by Messrs. Harte and Colton, at 2 and 8.

LEAVITT ART ROOMS.—EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS.

BROOKLYN OPERA-HOUSE, BROOKLYN.—THE ROYAL MASQUERADE. Matinée.

MAIN HALL.—THE PILGRIM (Allegory)—Matinée.

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It is not very probable that any further news has been received from Spain of material importance. Situated as CASTELAR'S Government is, it would not be surprising if it had asked for additional time for consideration, but should any such request be made, it is scarcely likely that the Government here could or would comply with it. It seems to be obvious that the first duty of the Spanish Government, supposing it to be acting in good faith, is to surrender the *Virginius* and deliver up the surviving captives. We have no doubt that the Government may be relied upon to indict on these conditions. There will necessarily be a certain time elapse, during which no very positive information can be obtained. Congress meets on Monday, and the President's message will doubtless be completed to-morrow. The interval, therefore, will not be great before the whole subject can be remitted to the representatives of the people, and final action may be taken upon it.

At the moment Controller GREEN was declaring that the credit of the City had been in no way impaired by the panic, the Assistant Aldermen were declaring, by resolution, that because of the stringency of the money market it is impossible to dispose of City bonds, and were proposing to issue a Municipal legal-tender currency. The Controller will be accepted as the better authority on this question, and public opinion will not approve of a resort to desperate measures until he declares it to be necessary. Certainly there is nothing in our present condition to warrant a resort to the expedient proposed by the Assistant Aldermen. Any currency which the City might issue would speedily become so depreciated as to be practically worthless, and paying demands upon the Treasury with it would be a fraud upon public creditors equally mean and transparent. The proposition to issue such a currency has originated in the same motives which have induced sundry officials to advocate the employment of every idle laborer upon public works. But it has not the excuse of a supposed necessity, nor can it be shown that any advantages would accrue from its adoption. A currency issued by a municipality has always proved an unmixed evil, and New-York should avoid it. Instead of helping the City credit, such a measure would very seriously damage it.

A sensible conclusion has been reached by District Attorney PHELPS in regard to the man IRVING, who was brought from California at great expense merely because he told some absurd stories concerning the Nathan murder. Since his arrival he has been playing a cunning game with the authorities, and has made the abandonment of the old indictments against him the condition of telling his story. Mr. PHELPS has not been caught in this trap, and being convinced that IRVING knows nothing of value concerning the murder has wisely arraigned him on two indictments for burglary. The experience gained in this case ought to prevent the authorities from wasting any more public money in bringing self-accused murderers home from a distance. Such stories as IRVING told are the common trick of professional thieves when they want to take a long journey at the public expense.

All hope of further navigation this season on the Erie Canal must, it appears, be abandoned. The official notice of the final closing of the canal has not been given, but the weather has now made it an idle form. The present season has been the shortest for thirteen years, embracing only 192 days, even if we count up to Monday. Last year was the next shortest in this period, navigation continuing only 202 days. This early closing of the canal is a serious misfortune, but not so great as it was feared it would be several days ago. Many boats were forced through after the ice began forming, and only about 1,500,000 bushels of wheat remain in the canal, instead of 5,000,000, as was the case when the closing was first threatened. The railroads now have the transportation field to themselves until Spring, and it will be interesting, in view of the agitation of this subject, to know whether they will use the opportunity as in former years.

The offenses of the Archbishop of Posen against the Prussian Government appear to have reached their climax. Mgr. LEDOCHOWSKI has been requested to resign his See by the Prussian authorities, while the Pope pats him on the back and bids him be patient and steadfast. As we have previously explained, section 24 of the new Ecclesiastical law enacts that in case clergymen offend so gravely against the laws of the land that their remaining in office appears incompatible with public order, they may be deprived of their office. In the event of the refractory Archbishop refusing to recognize the right of the Government to make any such demand, as on his own principles he must necessarily do, the Legislature will be called on to provide an amendment to the law of last session, decreeing in such a case of confirmed contumacy the offender's expulsion from the country. In spite of recent news to the contrary, imprisonment is a very unlikely penalty to be inflicted in the present case.

THANKSGIVING.

There are good and sufficient reasons why the old Puritan festival has been gradually transformed into a great national anniversary. The fruits of the earth are after all the most bountiful source of our people's wealth, and when all over this broad continent the last sheaf has been garnered, the last corn-cob gathered, and the yield of the cotton plantations fairly measured, there comes the natural pause between the seasons in which the tiller of the soil can look upward and remember the Providence in whose hands are all the courses of the year. People may welcome the return of Thanksgiving with feelings more or less devout, but to the least reflective mind the day brings with it sentiments which tend to reverential gratitude. A day when the members of widely-scattered families meet again under the rafters of the old homestead, when friends renew old ties of association, when the stranger and the sojourner can scarce fail to find a welcome at some hospitable board, and when the poor are sure to be remembered; a day of mirth and feasting indeed, but of that kind of rejoicing which finds its centre around the family hearth—such an anniversary as this is a national possession which we should all try to preserve from becoming vulgarized, and should transmit to our children with the same traits of homely simplicity that our fathers stamped upon it.

Of specific reasons for thanksgiving, every one who celebrates the day in a proper spirit can find enough. Whether gains or losses have been the rule in life since last Thanksgiving, can we measure what is truly gain and loss? Does success in this world mean nothing more than what can be estimated by palpable, material results? Do the trials of life bring no mature experience, no inward sense of the superiority of the man to the accidents that surround him, which is cheaply purchased with the surrender of much that we call valuable? Even to those whom more than usually keen misfortune has steeled against any feeling of thanks for the state in which the day finds them, it brings its own quiet reminder which they will appreciate some day; for, "Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?" Briefly, no man whom selfishness or passion has not blinded can look back over the space between two days of Thanksgiving without feeling that causes for gratitude far outnumber those for repining.

Of public reasons for thanksgiving there have been and are not a few. The misfortunes of the year have come because of our disregard of laws—sanitary, economical, or social—which are as immutable as the motions of the planets. It may be too hard for us to understand why the innocent should in such cases be made to suffer more than the guilty, but as our most enlarged vision can at best study a very small segment of creation's perfect round, we may reasonably enough wait for enlarged knowledge to solve this mystery. What we do see is that the lessons of pestilence and the lessons of panic are equally timely, otherwise we should not have had them, and that it will be our own fault, and to our own future peril, if we do not profit by them. Both might have been a good deal more severe, and we may fairly be thankful for the healthful season that localized the ravages of the one, and the plentiful harvest which has helped to take the sting out of the other. It is many years since we had a Thanksgiving Day on which those who love the fair fame of New-York had more cause to be glad. The scales of justice have at last been placed in even poise, and there is the same law for the rich swindler as for the poor thief. Considering the dreary experience of the past few years, that is something to be thankful for.

From the homes of this land there will go up to-day an almost universal feeling of thanksgiving that in all probability war has been averted, and that for glaring crimes against the dignity and security of our people a thorough reparation has been obtained by peaceful instrumentality. The thought of coming bloodshed would sadden many a board to-day, around which memories of the terrible penalty of human strife have not yet lost their power of giving pain. Jealous of honor, and prompt enough in a righteous quarrel, as our people are, they have no disposition to enter on a dispute in the spirit of the bravo or the bully. Peace preserved and honor vindicated are very good reminders for Thanksgiving Day that our national affairs are in safe and competent hands.

MORE JUSTICE.

No surprise will be caused by the conviction of INGERSOLL and FARRINGTON of the crime of forgery in the third degree. The conviction of TWEED has rendered the punishment of his confederates comparatively easy. The powerful influences which so long shielded the Tammany thieves from the penalties of the law have at last been overcome, and it is now possible to mete out to all of them the punishment they so richly deserve. If TWEED could not escape, we have reason to believe that no one of his confederates whose guilt can be proved can hope to evade the penalties they have incurred. It needs only a full performance of duty by Judges and prosecutors to bring all these offenders to justice. There is no cause to doubt these officials, and the public have reason to hope that in the end justice will overtake all of those shameless and daring robbers who gained power by unparalleled frauds upon the ballot-box, and used it to enrich themselves out of the public Treasury.

Our County Court-house is a monument of fraud. Of the millions squandered upon the building it is notorious that a large portion was diverted to private uses by just such crimes as this of which INGERSOLL has been convicted. This man was appointed a Court-house Commissioner by A. OAKEY HALL, at the suggestion, if not by the order, of TWEED, and he used his position to procure the payment to himself of false and fraudulent accounts. The particular transaction of which he has been convicted was a fair sample of the way in which TWEED'S Commissioners dealt with a public trust. Not only was it proved that the goods named in the bill on which the warrant was based were never furnished, but the indorsement upon the warrant by which the money was obtained was forged. There was nothing whatever genuine about the transaction; it was from beginning to end a bold, outrageous robbery. The facts were clearly proven before the jury, and they showed their fitness for the trust reposed in them by promptly bringing in a verdict of guilty. Not the least gratifying feature of this verdict is that it sends the culprits to a State Prison. They have been convicted of a felony, and no quibble about the extent of the punishment to be awarded can arise in their case. Their crime is clearly defined in the statute, and its penalty accurately determined.

In this case, as in that of TWEED, the officials charged with the administration of the law have done their whole duty. Judge DAVIS has again demonstrated his eminent fitness for the place he holds, and the jurymen have earned the gratitude and respect of the people. The eminent counsel for the prosecution, especially Mr. TREMAIN and Mr. PECKHAM, have increased the debt which this community owes them. In the Tweed case their labors were extremely onerous, but they were fully prepared for every emergency which the ingenuity of the defense could present. The same was true in the case of INGERSOLL. The signal ability and devotion which have been displayed in the prosecution of the Ring thieves will not be forgotten by the people. It now only remains for the faithful ministers of justice to happily finish the good work in which they are engaged. District Attorney PHELPS has commenced in the right way by procuring the indictment of HENRY W. GENET for grand larceny, and we do not doubt that he will bring the case to trial as quickly as possible. There are peculiar reasons why the case of GENET should be brought to a speedy conclusion. This man, who was then under an indictment for forgery in connection with the Ring frauds, had the effrontery to present himself as a candidate for the Assembly, and, to the lasting disgrace of the Twenty-first District, obtained votes enough to entitle him to the certificate of election. If he is guilty of the crimes for which he is indicted, it is plain he is not a fit person to sit in the Assembly. Justice to him no less than justice to the people requires that he be promptly tried. If he is convicted, he will be furnished an opportunity to do the State more substantial service than he is likely to render at Albany. There is plenty of time to dispose of him before the Legislature meets, and we hope it will be done.

There are other Ring criminals awaiting trial, and we hope that in every case where indictments for felonies have been found there will be no delay in bringing them to trial. Not until all these men are punished can we hope to fully destroy the iniquitous political system they established. Had TWEED been convicted a year ago, the reform of Tammany would have resulted in something better than JOHN MORRISSEY. The relentless prosecution of the Tammany thieves is demanded for the future safety of the people. The conviction of TWEED will doubtless deter political leaders in the future from adopting his methods, but the complete purification of our politics can only be accomplished by the punishment of all his accomplices.

AN INFAMOUS ATTEMPT.

From its apparently hopeless beginning to such triumph as it has now attained, the struggle for reform in this City has never been without personal danger to those who were prominently engaged in it. In fact, the wonder to most people has been that the leaders of a very extensive crowd of official swindlers have been allowed to be driven to flight, to prison, and into obscurity without many deeds of revengeful violence being both attempted and carried out. The Erie Ring did not scruple to employ the midnight assassin when it was found necessary, and kept in its pay a gang of shoulder-hitters and professional bruisers, ready for any emergency. The Tammany Ring had a much more extensive control over the ruffianism of the City than was ever vouchsafed to the late lamented FISK, yet so thoroughly were its forces demoralized by the suddenness of the first stages of its fall, that the army of thugs and loafers who had fed on the droppings of its plunder, was cowed into comparative silence and inaction. An attempt was made at the close of September, 1871, to incite the Park laborers to riot, and the addresses of two of the conductors of this journal were published in such a connection as left no room to doubt the kind of violence which was expected to follow. But the men who were responsible for that attempt found they had mistaken the character of their instruments, and there was no more open talk, at least, of signalizing the fall of the Ring by bloodshed.

It is impossible to dissociate the dastardly attempt which was made yesterday on the life of Controller GREEN from the efforts of a baffled and desperate gang of political adventurers. Mr. GREEN has incurred no violent enmities save from those who found their profit in the reign of plunder and official license which preceded his entrance into the Controller's office. The proofs which are now bringing the Tammany thieves to punishment have been and are inviolably safe in his keeping. The whole archives of his department have been open to those in search of evidence to convict the members of the Ring or any of their host of retainers. He has resolutely refused to honor the requisition for payment of men who did no work, and he has steadfastly resisted, with all the weapons he could command, all claims in which there was any taint of collusion, conspiracy, or fraud. There may be differences of opinion about the details of Controller GREEN'S administration; there can be none about the pervasive honesty of its intention and the general value of its results. No official in all the history of this City ever undertook a task of such magnitude, difficulty, and danger as that which confronted Mr. GREEN in September, 1871. Some day or other the people will probably understand this better than they do now. Meanwhile, every honest citizen is disposed to make allowance for the absolute impossibility of performing, without loss of popularity, such duties as have fallen to his lot, while every rascal who fed at the public crib has a feeling of deadly hatred against the Controller, of which yesterday's infernal-machine was but one of the evidences.

We suppose it is too much to expect the slender amount of detective ability of which the City can boast, to discover the sender of the box from such slight clues as can be furnished by its death-dealing contents. But the City authorities can certainly afford to offer a very handsome reward for the discovery of the would-be assassin, and it will be little creditable to our Police organization if any device be left untried to trace the box to its place of manufacture. Pistol cartridges and powder would, in some hands, be made to furnish no contemptible guides to the miscreant who placed them together, with the appliances for apparently certain explosion. Let us hope that the box and its contents, happily saved for thorough examination, may be the means of placing its dastardly sender beyond the possibility of further base and cowardly attempts at assassination.

"HOARDING."

One of the well-known economical phenomena of the East is "hoarding." That is, money, especially silver, pours into China, India, and other Oriental countries, century after century, in return for their products, and does not come forth again. Each individual producer of tea, or rice, or silks, or carpets, or whatever may be the export, sells his product, and instead of placing the price in some bank whence the money would again come forth to the community, or employing it in purchasing public securities, where it would be employed in public works, he goes home and buries it in the ground, or otherwise carefully conceals it from robbers and thieves. The parable of "the hidden treasure" was derived from a well-known and established custom of the East, which still exists. The same habit was characteristic of Europe through the middle ages. The safest place for money, even as late as a century and a half ago, in England, was often thought to be the owner's strong box. France, even now, keeps up the custom of the middle ages, and her peasantry are believed still to conceal vast sums of money in the aggregate, which are drawn forth only by the national loans. Probably no country of Europe hoards so little as Great Britain, yet even now, at the approach of every panic, or say once in ten years, millions are believed to be concealed and set apart by individuals as safeguards against the dangers dreaded.

The United States, on account of the intelligence of its population and the high rate of interest offered, has never been a hoarding country. The civil war and the emancipation of the slaves have, however, somewhat changed the habit as it existed in the Southern portion of the Union. The whites have felt the fearful vicissitudes of war, and still dread possible social convulsions. They have no confidence in the banks or the present State Governments. Many of them are thought to be laying aside and concealing money. The emancipated slaves, being ignorant, dreading the banks or anything which the whites manage, hoping hereafter to purchase land, and having unlimited confidence in anything with the impress of the United States Government upon it, perhaps even looking upon a United States bill as a sort of sign manual of freedom, have, wherever they have obtained a greenback, hoarded it. Each negro sells his one, two, or more bales of cotton. The bills he receives for them he often does not deposit in savings banks, but takes them home and hides them in old stockings or crevices of his cabin. When one thinks of how large a sum the negroes receive each year for their cotton, and how little of it comes back again to the North, we can approximately estimate how considerable an amount is concealed by them, and withdrawn from the circulation of the country. A well-informed writer in the *Financial Journal* estimates the annual hoardings at the South of white and black as some two hundred millions; but this seems impossible.

It should be remembered also that the West, as it grows prosperous, and at the least dread of stringency of money in the commercial centres of the East, is able and willing to retain a portion of her savings. It is the instinct of all communities, at the smallest threat of a financial panic, to hoard. The West began early to do so. We soon followed her example. Every one in his own small circle of acquaintance can think of persons whom he knew as putting aside small or large amounts of money, lest in the panic they should have nothing for daily expenses. These hoards in the aggregate amount to millions. They are not yet broken up. A vast sum of money is still, regarding the whole country, laid aside out of circulation, and not entering into the business of the nation.

A process, however, has begun which is rapidly melting the hoards—that is, the reduction of prices by manufacturers and by merchants. Many articles, especially prints, are now below the cost of production. For fifteen years there has not been such a favorable time for purchasers in our markets as the present. Our paper dollar is approaching its professed value. The reproach for so many years against American markets, that they were the worst to sell in for native producers, and the poorest in which to buy, is passing away. The hoards must now come forth rapidly. For, in all probability, we shall not touch such low prices again for many months, or even years. Production has been impeded; the stock of goods is diminishing; there is little likelihood of overproduction for some time again; the country will soon wish to use the savings it has been making; and, after a scare, as every one knows, the reaction is always lively. People will buy all the more eagerly for their self-denial and previous economy.

BONAPARTISM.

There are in the French Assembly about thirty Deputies returned from various parts of France, and calling themselves Bonapartists. Some of them are considerable land-owners; some wealthy manufacturers; some made a name and a fortune during the heyday of the Empire. As a political group and exponents of an idea, they are, for the present, of little account. The propositions and plans fathered by them seldom find favor with the rest of the House. They are powerless left to themselves. Not so when considered in their relations with the other groups. The political see-saw system now prevailing in France gives them occasionally an ominous importance. To one of the contesting parties they may be precious allies or dangerous opponents. In a close vote they have it in their power to turn the scale. On the 24th of May M. THIERS was displaced by their aid. Through them, again, the Anti-Republican Party has succeeded in prolonging MACMAHON'S authority for seven years. If such power were used judiciously, with discretion and some disinterestedness, the country might derive great benefit from it. But to judge by precedents, the country will not be under heavy obligations to the Bonapartists for what they have done or helped to do. In strengthening the Monarchical Party and favoring the extension of an unconditional authority and a provisional State, they have had in view anything but the interests and the will of the people.

Their hobby, however, is an appeal to the people. Like doctors who recommend some peculiar drug as a cure for any sort of evils, they have their panacea for all political distempers, the plebiscitum. They never forego an occasion to recommend it. At a time when they had the "people's will" in their own hands, when they had power and money to prop up their "*candidatures officielles*," and to control the ballot, they tested its efficacy with great success. They made it a sort of governmental lever quite convenient to keep their opponents out of power, and would fain use it to move themselves in again. Times, unfortunately for them, have changed, and an immediate application of their old remedy would probably not improve their fortunes or their happiness. But Bonapartism cannot let its life-giving principles drop out of fashion. If, as we hardly believe, it is destined to rise again from its sudden and crushing fall, there are two things which it cannot do without—universal suffrage and the plebiscitum.

At the levee held by the imperial heir at Chiselhurst on the 15th of August last, he read, for the edification of his adherents and the French nation in general, an address touchingly winding up with the motto, "Everything through the people and for the people." Though there is not much more truth in these words than there was in the famous "*l'Empire, c'est la paix*," there is in them a strong democratic flavor, and one of the Bonapartist tricks has always been to fawn on democratic instincts, of which the French possess more than any other people. It was to conform himself to his party's deceit that the leading Bonapartist member in the Assembly, M. ROUHER, moved, the other day, to decide the governmental question by a plebiscitum. In doing so, he surely neither expected nor wished to have his motion carried. The last thing a plebiscitum would be likely to restore at present is the Empire for a BONAPARTE.

There is scarcely, outside of the Island of Corsica, one electoral circonscription truly Bonapartist in France. The devotees of the Empire actually sitting in the Assembly have been elected on their personal merits, or by dint of influences such as are potent with the population that returned them. None of them has been chosen because of his devotion to the fallen dynasty. The Napoleonic legend has exploded. There was too much sham in it, too much deception, too much bitter reality, to make it likely to be revived. Nor is there among the Princes of the house one whose personal prestige or popularity can replace that of the late Emperor. The Prince Imperial is a lad who has little claim to the affection of the French people. A succession rich in sad and unpopular legacies has fallen to his lot. He may turn them to account for his instruction, but not for a restoration. Then, the circumstances in which he is placed are not calculated to bring him into notice, or offer him the means to become the people's idol or savior. Like the Comte DE CHAMBORD, he may grow up a stranger to them, without having a long national line of illustrious ancestors to recommend him. Even if some unlooked-for events should lift him in the stirrup of fortune, it is doubtful whether he could remove what past events have set up between the French people and himself. They will long resent the blow dealt to their national pride, and which his father was unable to ward off. They will not easily forget the disgraceful end of his reign, the woes and humiliations heaped on them, the five milliards paid to the conqueror, and the loss of two of their most cherished provinces.

Bonapartists have adopted a shifting policy, which will improve their position neither materially nor morally. They are like men acting not from principle, but under the spur of the moment. Their main purpose is to make political capital, of which they are in sore need. But they are mistaken as to the proper method. From the beginning their cause had few sympathizers; their recent tactics have brought it into utter disrepute. The only sound course for them would have been to unreservedly side with the people. This they have not done. They will regret it when too late. After having had a share in the political jugglery recently performed, they will have little or none in the profits. The party they now support will not reward them; the Republicans, when in power, shall not know them, and the people also will reject the men who, false to their famous watchword, sought to do everything through the people only for their own selfish ends.

A TRIBE OF BEETLE WORSHIPERS.

The existence in the brute creation of something akin to the reasoning faculty of man has long furnished to the student of nature the most fascinating of researches, and the most delightful of results. From the mercurial and frivolous flea to the grave and philosophic elephant, every living creature has contributed its quota to the wonderful story of brute intelligence. Dogs, who do everything but talk, and who might perhaps do even that, if we could but decipher their language, are so common as to be getting, in fact, a little tedious. Mr. HAMERTON tells of a French dog of his acquaintance that seems to have mastered more than the amount of learning allowed by SYDNEY SMITH to the average gentleman of his time, who did credit to modern progress "by writing, and sometimes even spelling, correctly." Mr. HAMERTON'S dog, on the contrary, always spells correctly. Not only that, but she (it is a lady dog—another argument for female superiority—) corrects the orthography of words intentionally misspelled, as, for instance, *meson* for *maison*, and this without any collusion with her master. Doubtless many of our readers have dogs whose accomplishments would throw even these exploits into the shade.

The meditative cat, with more limited opportunities of education, has frequently displayed quite as much natural ability as her household rival. She has been known to play on the piano, for example, and the talents of the race for vocal music are notorious. Musical mice are not infrequent, if their admirers may be believed, and the anecdotes of rat intelligence are countless. It is unnecessary to enumerate the feats of the learned pigs, the educated seals, the trained fleas, and gymnastic canary birds, that have for ages formed the delight and wonder of the country fair and the traveling circus. But hitherto the most enthusiastic advocate of the animal mind has not credited it with the possession of anything approaching a religious sense. Larks, indeed, have been hymning at heaven's gate from time immemorial, and "feathered choristers" are as plentiful as poets. But this was known to be only metaphorical piety, without any basis whatever in fact. It remained for Sir JOHN LUBBOCK to supply this singular oversight, and to endow the animal kingdom with religion as well as intelligence. He has discovered that a certain family of ants, (*lasius niger*,) have developed something which looks very like a system of worship. These ants, we regret to say, are idolaters, and the object of their adoration is invariably a black beetle of the kind known as *claviger dweatii*. These beetles are rarely, if ever, found anywhere but in ants' nests, where, though blind and apparently helpless, they are guarded with extraordinary care and tenderness. This is the more extraordinary because by other irreligious tribes of ants this very black beetle is regarded as a most appetising delicacy, and immediately eaten whenever the opportunity is afforded. So might the sacred cow or ibis of the Egyptians have furnished a sacrilegious banquet to the Roman barbarian. Of course, as the ant palate may be supposed to be the same, the abstinence of Sir JOHN LUBBOCK'S tribe is evidently prompted by some very powerful motive, and if this is not worship, Sir JOHN would like to know what else it can be. In this respect our ants are really ahead of their human brethren. Suppose, for example, some Fijian reformer were to abolish his stone idols and set up a nice roasted missionary instead, how long does any one imagine it would last?

It is to be observed, moreover, that in other respects these pious beetle worshipers have made immense progress in all the arts of ant civilization. Following out that admirable system of husbandry which has made them from a very early date an example to human improvidence and sloth, they have taken to themselves slaves and abundance of domestic animals, more, it is said, than man. They have even ant-cows in a species of *Aphidæ*, which secrete a kind of honey that is very palateable to the ant-epicureans. Droves of these our thrifty beetle worshipers gather into their nests, where doubtless they are daily milked by the blithe young maiden-ants betimes in the morning. Further investigation may, perhaps, reveal the existence of ant-cats and ant-dogs, ant-hens, with an ant-chanticleer to keep the lazy young *Lasii* in order. Speculation once started in so curious a field hardly knows where to stop. But if Sir JOHN LUBBOCK'S conjecture proves to be correct, it may afford a partial explanation of the late disappearance of so large a quantity of religion from among humankind. Like Judgment, it will, perhaps, be found to have fled to brutish beasts.

THE LOUISIANA DEMOCRATIC FUSIONISTS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

NEW-ORLEANS, Nov. 26.—A Democratic fusion "Convention," after a short session to-day, adjourned. The attendance was small, with but few country delegates present. It is universally pronounced a failure. The Washington committee is composed of the defeated candidates of the scoreheads. There were no colored men or Liberals in the convention. The resolutions are fierce in denouncing the Administration. Warmoth is entirely ignored. The Committee of Seventy is disbanded.

THE GLOUCESTER, MASS., FISHING INTEREST.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Nov. 26.—The arrival of fishing vessels at this port for the year ending Nov. 15 were as follows: Four hundred and sixty-three fares from the Grand Banks and 773 fares from George's Banks, making a total of 1,236 bank fares, landing about 500,000 quintals of codfish and halibut; also, 400 mackerel fares, landing 76,000 barrels; also, sixty-five fares of herring. About 6,000 barrels of oil, or 225,000 gallons, were brought in by these vessels. These figures are enormous in amount, and show most conclusively the position that Gloucester occupies as a great mart of the fisheries.

THE STATE TREASURY EMBEZZLEMENT CASE.

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 26.—Judge Learned has granted an order removing the Phelps case from the Court of Sessions to the Oyer and Terminer, on motion of his counsel. That court meets on the 8th of December, but the Lottawanda murder case will come up first, and the probability is that the Phelps case will not be reached before the January term.

AMUSEMENTS.

MUSICAL.

"AIDA" AT THE ACADEMY.

Faithful to the promise of his Summer announcements, Mr. Strakosch, last evening, produced "Aida" at the Academy of Music. Verdi's latest effort—concerning the antecedents of which we will only say that the opera was written at the request of the Khédive for performance in Cairo, in 1870, and that it has now been represented in America before London or Paris managers have shown enterprise enough to acquaint their audiences with its excellences—was yesterday made known to a very large concourse. The recital passed off with uninterrupted smoothness, and was attended by every indication of success.

The story of "Aida" can be narrated as follows: *Aida*, daughter of *Amonasro*, King of Ethiopia, has been led into captivity by the Egyptians. While in bondage, she conceives a tender passion for *Radames*, a young Egyptian warrior, who warmly responds to her affection. The opening incidents of the opera disclose these facts, and set forth, besides, the choice of *Radames* as leader of an expedition against the invading forces of Ethiopia, and the love, still unrevealed, of *Amneris*, daughter of Egypt's sovereign, for the fortune-favored chieftain. *Amneris* suspects the existence of a rival, but does not learn the truth until *Radames* returns victorious. The second act commences with a scene between the Princess and the slave. *Amneris* wrests from *Aida* the secret she longs and yet dreads to fathom, and dire hate at once possesses her. *Radames* comes back, laden with spoils. Among his prisoners—his rank being unknown to his captors—is *Amonasro*, father of *Aida*. *Radames* asks of his Sovereign that the captives be freed. The King consents to releasing all of them except *Aida* and *Amonasro*. The Monarch then bestows upon the unwilling *Radames* the hand of *Amneris*, and, amid songs of jubilation, the act terminates. In the third act, the marriage of *Amneris* and *Radames* is on the eve of celebration. *Radames*, however, is devotedly attached to *Aida*, and the maiden, urged thereunto by *Amonasro*, seeks to persuade the soldier to flee to Ethiopia and turn his sword against his native land. Without resolving upon the act of treachery, *Radames* lends an ear to her supplications. The party is about to take to flight, when the High Priest, *Ramfis*, and *Amneris*, both of whom have overheard the lovers, appear. *Aida* and *Amonasro*, on the advice of *Radames*, escape. *Radames* remains to await his fate. This is speedily decided. *Radames*, in act the fourth, is tried on a charge of treason. *Amneris*, repentant, vainly endeavors to save his life, for the lover of *Aida* scorns to renounce her, and is deaf to the entreaties of the daughter of the King, whose jealousy, as *Amneris* herself is aware, has brought about his downfall. The denouement is not long delayed. The final picture shows the interior of the Temple of Vulcan. On high is the hall of worship; below, the vault in which *Radames*, doomed to die, is interred alive by the priests. As the stone is sealed over his head, *Aida*, who has awaited *Radames* in the tomb, rises before him. The lovers are locked in a last embrace as *Amneris*, heart-broken, kneels in prayer on the marble which parts from the living the couple now united in death.

It is a less easy task to speak of Signor Verdi's music than of Signor Ghislanzoni's libretto. In the first place, a work of equal importance cannot be disposed of after a few rehearsals. And, in the second place, of the countless achievements of the composer, "Aida" is that which presents the smallest number of "points." "Aida" must, in fact, be viewed in its entirety. It is totally different from Verdi's familiar productions. "Il Ballo in Maschera," which marks a different epoch from that typified by "Ernani," is not nearly so distinct from the writer's most youthful labors as is "Aida" from its immediate predecessor. Where most of Verdi's compositions are mainly more or less shapely *suites* of happy inspirations, "Aida" is clearly the offspring of an almost Wagnerian system. In the new score there are, of course, passages where in melody and in treatment the author of "Il Trovatore" is readily detected. But in respect of plan, development, and coloring, the influence of modern theories is clear. "Aida" is a grand lyrical drama, not likely, perhaps, to rouse the masses to tumultuous demonstrations of enthusiasm, but rich in beauties perceptible at once to the practiced ear, and unfolding themselves with overpowering eloquence to the least gifted listener on a second or third exposition. Loud applause was elicited last night by many portions of "Aida." To excite continuous admiration, however, the subject needs a closer acquaintance than one sitting can beget.

We shall content ourselves, at present, with briefly noting the salient parts of "Aida," and with the hurried review of its rendering to which the late hour at which the representation was concluded limits us. The instrumentation of the opera is delicious. The finales, and especially that of the first act, prove conclusively that Signor Verdi is as skilled as ever in the effective management of the masses, while the distribution of the voices is stamped by an art of which no equally strong evidence had previously been afforded. At the same time the orchestration, while full, is, whenever the situation suggests it, of the most delicate kind. We mentioned the name of Wagner in the foregoing paragraph. The principles of the composer of "Tannhäuser" have certainly had weight with Signor Verdi in the intimate connection he establishes in "Aida" between the orchestra and the singers. Hence, a far more potent, because more subtle, charm; and hence, also, an obstacle to the popularization—if any one cares for the short-lived celebrity which tumultuous ovation can confer upon any theme, however vulgar—of most of the numbers of "Aida." In spite of the symmetry of the opera, some of its elements impress themselves with special force. The opening romance of the tenor, ("Celeste Aida,") which should be sighed rather than sung, is a better specimen of melodious recitative than of a well-defined air. The duet and trio following are not conspicuous either, nor is the concerted music at the end of the opening scene. The *scena ed aria* of *Aida*, commencing "Ritorna vincitor," expresses successfully the torment of the woman who must sacrifice either her love or her filial duty, but does not call for further reference. The consecration scene includes the finest music in the act. It begins with a weird invocation to the Goddess Phtà. Then comes two pages of quaint dance-tunes. After them the King invests *Radames* with the insignia of his rank. The phrase for brass, ("Nume, custodi et vindica,") reminiscent of "L'Africaine," is of the utmost beauty and nobility, and its assignment to the tenor, and afterward to the choral mass, forms one of the most decidedly "telling" passages in the opera. The phrase is followed by a resumption of the strange invocation, the reiteration of which terminates the finale. The second act is ushered in by a chorus of female voices, which are intrusted with a quaint theme, broken in upon by the utterances of *Amneris*, who, in a brief and striking chromatic progression, sighs for the return of *Radames*. Three pages of fanciful and characteristic dance-music precede a repetition of the chorus. The duet between *Amneris* and *Aida*, like the numbers generally, is more dramatic than lyric, although the short allegretto ("Amore, amore") is the offspring of something more than cleverness. Next in order is an Egyptian march, with a good rhythm and sufficient character, the spectacular after-incidents of the opera being accompanied by music which the composer has not forgotten to endow with local color, as well as Egyptian local color can be understood nowadays. The further business of this act is carried on to contrasted strains. In the third act *Aida* sings the best-defined aria in the opera. "O cieli azzurri," with its soft accompaniment, is conceived and treated after the fashion of Thomas' "Connais-tu le pays?" which, of course, it does not resemble in melody, though it must be said that three bars of the piece remind us so forcibly of "Non ti scordar di me" that if there from one's self were plagiarism we should tax Signor Verdi with at least one offense in that direction. The duet between *Amonasro* and *Aida* is on the plan of foregoing numbers of the sort, but the duet between *Aida* and *Radames* is more finely and impassioned, and impresses by the beauty of its phrases as well as by shapeliness and the exquisite nicknesses of the voices and instruments. In the fourth act notwithstanding the fine balcony *Amneris* and *Radames*—a duet replete with vivid contrasts and progressionally dramatic—and the final duo of the unfortunate lovers, into which, in our thought, Signor Verdi has not introduced the fierce and vile passages which Boulanger has in the last act of "Velleda,"

tegrue, Gounod, in the last tableau of "Faust," have portrayed in notes.

Yesterday's representation was exceedingly good. We shall not attempt to review it with the care we shall gladly bestow upon a second and third rehearsal of "Aida," when the demands of the music are less exacting, and the space at our disposal is less limited, but shall cite merely the important incidents of the evening. Signor Campanini as *Radames* was a genuine triumph, both as a singer and an actor. The young tenor has a voice of which the "staying" quality, so to speak, is simply marvelous, and he uses it with unimpeachable taste and unflagging earnestness. Every piece in "Aida" found it equal to its requirements. Signor Campanini was not too robust in "Celeste Aida;" he gave the tenor notes in the elaborate concerted portions of the opera their fullest weight; and in the duet with *Aida* in the third act, and again at the close of the work, his exertions, vocal and histrionic, awoke real enthusiasm. M. Maurel personated Amonasro with the mingled dignity and fire the role admits of, and found an opportunity to rouse the spectators to tumultuous applause in the duet with *Aida*, in the third act, after which, though the curtain did not fall, he was summoned before the lights. Signor Nannetti pictured *Ramfis* most acceptably in aspect of appearance and delivery, and Signor Scolara acquitted himself capably of the duties of the king. Mlle. Torriani was *Aida*, and Miss Cary *Amneris*. Mlle. Torriani was at her best in the duets with Signor Campanini, and her two arias, and especially the air on the banks of the Nile, were so well interpreted as to secure for the lady hearty applause. Miss Cary did ample justice to an exceptionally trying rôle. The audiences of the Academy have long been accustomed to the concerto's fresh and beautiful tones; but they could scarcely have been aware, until the first night of "Aida," that Miss Cary has passion and power as an actress, as well as gifts and culture as a songstress. Her scenes with *Aida* were carried on with a clear apprehension of the relative position of the rivals, and she met the exigencies of the different situations until her last words at the tomb of *Radames* were sung.

We have already noted that "Aida" was thoroughly successful. It was successful as a musical work, and the interpretation afforded great pleasure. We must also record that the stage-setting of the opera was among the most striking features of the entertainment. We do not recall any representation of Italian opera upon which such a wealth of scenery and dresses has been lavished. Every scene in "Aida" has been painted abroad, and there are six, two of which, the second scene of the first act and the final scene, are acts of exceptional elaborateness. Artistically nothing finer could be wished than the reproductions on canvas of the gorgeous temples of Egypt; and, from a spectacular stand-point, nothing could be presented in the way of animated and brilliant tableaux that would outdo the tableaux in "Aida." An augmented orchestra, a complete brass band, a small corps de ballet—including a rather undisciplined troop of Ethiopian juveniles, and some trumpeters of old, who have not yet control of their unwieldy, but appropriate instruments—and brand-new dresses for every performer of the two hundred human beings who, in the second act, were gathered at once upon the stage, were beheld during last night's entertainment. We are very glad that the assemblage, mindful that Mr. Max Strakosch's industry and liberality enabled them to witness a recital of "Aida" worthy of any opera-house in Europe, insisted upon the gentleman's appearance before the curtain after the gorgeous pageant of act the second. Signor Muzio, who has striven diligently to insure the perfection of the "first night" of "Aida," was complimented in a like manner, the artists being recalled regularly after every act. "Aida" will be given again to-morrow evening.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER—SHORT CORN CROP ANTICIPATED.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The November statistical report of the Department of Agriculture, now in press, makes a showing for the corn product quite as unfavorable as that which forecasted the short crop of 1869. The preliminary report of the aggregate quantity in that year indicated a total of 874,000,000 bushels, which was 220,000,000 bushels less than the estimate for the large crop of 1870, and the present returns point to a product of 858,000,000 bushels. The estimate of last year's crop in Illinois was 217,000,000 bushels. The estimate of the present crop is 182,000,000 bushels. Only six States show crops equal to last year's, viz.: Virginia, Georgia, Florida, West Virginia, Oregon, and Rhode Island. The percentage of deficiency in the principal corn-growing sections, in comparison with the total product of last year, is as follows: Kentucky, 4 per cent.; Ohio, 11; Indiana, 29; Illinois, 39; Iowa, 28; Missouri, 39; Kansas, 31. The deficiency for New-York is 6 per cent., and for Pennsylvania 16 per cent. In most of the Southern States the crop is smaller than that of last year. A direct comparison is made between the total product of grain in each county in 1872 and 1873, having for its elements both the comparative yield and the extent of the area.

The cotton reports of November, unlike those of the comparative condition earlier in the season, make exact estimates of the expected crop in each county, stated in the form of a percentage of last year's crop. The aggregate of these estimates varies little from 3,700,000 bales. The season for picking has been unusually fine thus far, yet the result may be modified by an exceptionally unfavorable season in the latter part of November and in December, or by storms affecting injuriously the saving of the top crop. The State percentages, in comparison with last year's, are calculated as follows: North Carolina, 96; South Carolina, 92; Georgia, 97; Florida, 97; Alabama, 91; Mississippi, 95; Louisiana, 80; Texas, 119; Arkansas, 109; Tennessee, 108 per cent. These figures would be much lower but for the increase of area planted. The estimated total area in round numbers is 9,500,000 acres. A tabulated statement of the results of these returns, including the area and yield per acre, will be found in the report now in press.

TRADE OF HAMBURG.

LETTER FROM THE CONSUL GENERAL OF GERMANY AT NEW-YORK.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—The following letter was yesterday received by the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics from the Consul General of Germany:

NEW-YORK, Nov. 22, 1873.

DEAR SIR: By direction of the State Government of Hamburg, I have the honor of transmitting to you the accompanying volume, containing the exhibits of the commerce and navigation of Hamburg during the year ending Dec. 31, 1872.

The tables show that the imports both by land and sea amounted to 73,087,103 hundred weights, representing a value of 672,467,625 Prussian thalers, as against 66,186,201 hundred weights and 603,943,950 thalers in the preceding year. The imports from the United States (east of the Pacific coast) are given as 1,036,295 hundred weights and 27,480,790 Prussian thalers, as against 2,043,504 hundred weights and 30,060,888 thalers in 1871.

No statistics of exports are recorded. Five thousand nine hundred and thirteen ships arrived at Hamburg in the year, of an aggregate capacity of 2,945,000 lasts (a Hamburg last is about equal to two and three tenths tons), against 5,439 ships of 2,838,801 lasts in the preceding year. The number of vessels cleared was 5,992, of a capacity of 929,432 lasts, as against 5,457 ships of 836,571 lasts in 1871.

Seventy-four thousand four hundred and six passengers were forwarded from Hamburg in 1872 by sea to Transatlantic countries, directly and indirectly—of whom 67,893 went to the United States of America—as against 62,294 passengers—of whom 58,993 went to the United States—in 1871.

Statistics of Hamburg banking institutions, rates of exchange, &c., in each month of the year are given on pages 101 to 107, and on page 108 please find the weights, measures, and coins prevalent at Hamburg compared with and reduced to those of the principal trading countries of the world.

A WARNING TO LIQUOR-DEALERS.

Mr. O. B. Plummer, of Bangor, Me., has advertised a special notice in the papers of that city reading thus: "This is to give notice to all whom it may concern, that from and after this date I will cause to be prosecuted, to the full extent of the law, any person or persons who may give or sell to me any intoxicants, either spirits, wine, ale, beer, or cider."

THE NEW KANSAS SENATOR.

Alluding to the appointment of Judge Robert Crozier, as United States Senator from Kansas, the Leavenworth *Times* says: "Mr. Crozier is an old resident of this city, and was an active supporter of Mr. Alexander Caldwell during the notorious Senatorial canvass of 1871, and was subsequently Mr. Caldwell's attorney before the Senate Committee of Elections and Privileges, and pleaded the cause of his client earnestly. He is a lawyer by profession, but has practiced little of late years, having given most of his time to the discharge of his duties as cashier of the First National Bank of this city. Mr. Crozier's name headed the list of a number of citizens inviting Mr. Caldwell, a few weeks since, to become a candidate for the Legislature from the Fourth Ward. From this it will be seen that he has been a consistent supporter of Caldwell. He never had a well defined position in any political party, and has never been recognized in this city or in this State as a leading Republican."

THE CAVOUR MONUMENT.

Writing from Turin, under date of Nov. 8, the London *Times* correspondent says:

"Last evening, after sunset, Turin and the surrounding country were wrapped in as dense a fog as ever London could have found seasonable at this time of the year. The air felt damp and chill, and weather-wise persons cheered their friends by repeating the proverb, '*Nebbia bassa buon tempo lassa.*' The moon, however, as it struggled through the clouds to show her watery face, was encircled with a halo which boded no good to the day's solemnity. In the morning we had no rain, but those who still prophesied that the day would be dry to the end were evidently men prone to hope against hope. It was only mildly drizzling as the invited spectators and the sovereign multitude began to gather in the Piazza Carlina. The hour appointed for the inauguration of the monument was 2 in the afternoon. The sight was gay and the scene extremely animated. Choice troops of various arms were drawn up in the area of the square, and with them the national battalions of the old and the new Italian capital. In the stands, under the lively-colored awnings, the élite of the Italian political world, with a sprinkling of ladies, were seated. In front, on a large carpet, in various groups, stood on one side of the royal pavilion soldiers and statesmen of high rank, and all the foreign Ministers; on the other, the Vice President of the Senate, the President of the Chamber of Deputies, and a large number of members of both Houses. Conspicuous among the Senators were Count Sclopis and Count Ponza Di San Martino; among the Deputies, old Tecchio, for many years President of the Chamber, remarkable for his high stature and long, flowing, snowy beard. Precisely at 2 all the bands struck up the royal march, and King Victor Emmanuel, followed by his sons, Prince Humbert and Prince Amadeus, and by his cousin, Prince Eugene of Carignano, walked into the square, and placed himself in front of his pavilion. At this same moment the linen covering which swathed the monument dropped from the group, and the white marble stood out bright and chaste in the murky air. Then ensued a profound silence, when the Syndic or Mayor of Turin, Count Rignon, stepped forward, and with a clear, ringing voice, and a distinct accent, read his address to the King. The words he uttered were not many, but very much to the point. He very briefly, yet very fully, summed up the eminent services done by the great statesman to the cause of the country and of the dynasty, and thanked the great dignitaries of the State, the representatives of the cities of Italy, and the Ministers of foreign powers who on this solemn occasion had honored the old Piedmontese capital with their presence. When the Count concluded, amid loud cheers, the King held out his hand with royal grace and dignity, and spoke a few words of thanks to the city and to its worthy Magistrate. A notary then read the *procès verbal* of the transaction, when the King, followed by the Princes and by his brilliant suite, walked up to and round the monument. At that very moment, the rain, which had long been gathering over the immense assemblage—it was reckoned that at least 150,000 strangers crowded the hotels and lodging-houses of the city—came down in a torrent. Instantly there arose a grand confusion and a universal stampede. That was the crowning sight. The area of the vast square disappeared under a serried *testudo* of struggling umbrellas. There was a scamper of drenched uniforms and draggled silk dresses under such poor and precarious shelter as its awnings afforded. But presently the discomfiture was complete; the huddled mass of spectators tramped and paddled off in various directions, and the monument was left in solitude.

The statue, the work of the Florentine Duprè, is highly creditable to the executive powers of the artist. But as much cannot be said in favor of his inventive faculties. Cavour is represented standing on a lofty pedestal, robed in Roman garb, with a half-naked woman, signifying Italy, kneeling at his feet, clinging to him in a loving attitude, and holding up to his breast a wreath intended for his brow. On the pedestal and round the main figures are well-grouped allegorical statues, in a variety of attitudes, representing Right and Duty, Progress, and other impossible idealities, not to be deciphered without a key. The emblems and cognizances of the principal Italian cities are carved on the four sides of the pedestal, but it is, after all, a sorry jumble.

The rain has been incessant all the afternoon and evening, and the illumination, which had been prepared with so much care and at such a heavy expense, had to be put off to Monday night, a lesson to the Turin people to choose any other month rather than November for their open-air festivities. Indoors, in the great new Hall of the Carignano Palace, the Turin Municipality had spread a sumptuous banquet for 500 guests, mostly old friends of Count Cavour. The dinner was served by the staff of the Hôtel d'Europe, the most comfortable house of entertainment in all Italy. As the dessert was laid, the Syndic, Count Rignon, who presided, rose and proposed the healths of the King, of the foreign Ministers, of the Senators and Deputies, of the Cabinet Ministers, and, finally, of the representatives of the Italian and foreign press. After a few words from the Portuguese Minister, the English Minister, Sir Augustus Paget, rose, and, in excellent French, delivered a very telling speech, expressing the deep sympathy felt by his country in the cause of Italy, and of the love and admiration entertained by every true Englishman for the great statesman by whose exertions the success of that noble cause had been insured. He also conveyed in touching words his regret at the absence through indisposition of his distinguished countryman, who had been so intimate a friend of Cavour throughout the period of his successful career, who had so greatly admired and loved, and, to the best of his power, countenanced and supported the great Italian statesman. This allusion to Sir James Hudson, the former British Minister at Turin, electrified the audience and elicited loud and enthusiastic cheers. Sir Augustus concluded by raising a cry in which he felt sure that all his countrymen would join him—a cry of 'Vive l'Italie!' He was followed by Count Ponza Di San Martino, who also dwelt with great eloquence on the debt of gratitude which his country owed to England and to Sir James Hudson. There were other speeches by Count Mamiani, as Vice President of the Senate; by Signor Biancheri, as President of the House of Deputies; by Peruzzi, as Syndic of Florence, and in the name of the Syndics of all the Italian cities, and, finally, by Signor Minghetti as President of the Council of Ministers, who dwelt on the immense obligation under which all Italy lay, not only to the great Piedmontese Minister, but also to all the statesmen, the army, and the people of this little Piedmont, by the valor, wisdom, and devotion of which the great work of national regeneration had been mainly achieved. All these speeches were received with well-deserved plaudits. Still the event of the evening was the address of Sir Augustus Paget, whose words awoke a responsive chord in the heart of every man present. The meeting broke up amid loud shouts of '*Viva Inghilterra!*' Baron Kendall, the popular German Minister, the French Chargé d'Affaires, and all the diplomatic body, graced the banquet, as well as the inauguration of the Cavour Monument, with their presence."

MOVEMENTS OF INGERSOLL AND FARRINGTON AFTER THE VERDICT.

After Judge Davis had rendered his decision postponing the passing of sentence until Saturday, Ingersoll and Farrington were removed by the court officers to the room adjoining the Court of Oyer and Terminer, and subsequently taken to the Sheriff's office, where they had protracted interviews with their relatives. It was announced by the Clerk of Arrest that they would be conveyed to the Tombs at 10 P. M. They were taken there, however, till 1:30 this morning, after an ineffectual attempt had been made to secure a stay from Judge Davis.

MR. S. A. HITCHCOCK'S BENEFACTIONS.

It is stated that Mr. Samuel A. Hitchcock, of Brimfield, Mass., who died recently, leaving a property estimated at $3,000,000, did not leave a will. His gifts during his life were large, comprising the endowment of the Hitchcock Free High School in his native town, with buildings and funds, at an outlay of $80,000; donations to Amherst College, commencing a quarter of a century ago, and aggregating $175,000, the largest single amount given to the institution being $100,000, presented last year; contributions to the fund of the Andover Theological Seminary, footing up $120,000; $50,000 to the Illinois College at Jacksonville, Ill., and $8,000 to Tabor (Iowa) College. Mr. Hitchcock also made handsome presents to the Congregational denomination, gave to the church at Brimfield, a number of years ago, $5,000 as a fund, and within a year, gave $40,000 toward the Congregational house in Boston. The full extent of his benefactions is believed to reach $650,000.

AN IRRITABLE BOSTON LAWYER.

At a recent session of the Massachusetts Superior Court in Lowell, eight verdicts of guilty were rendered by the juries in liquor trials, in nearly all of which a Boston lawyer had appeared for the defense. He became so displeased at his want of success that he declared to the jury that he had lost all confidence in them, that it seemed to be useless to expect them to acquit anybody charged with liquor selling, whatever the evidence might be, and that he found Middlesex juries very different from what he supposed them to be. He then reflected severely upon his Honor Judge Bacon, saying that the Judge had joined with the crowd in laughing at his arguments to the jury. He was interrupted by the Judge, who disclaimed having shown him discourtesy, and informed him that such language could not be tolerated. The attorney then repeated the assertion that his Honor "had joined with the mob in laughing at him," upon which he was ordered to stop, and a severe reprimand was administered by the Judge, who declared that such conduct justified an immediate committal for contempt, and that the slightest repetition of it would be visited with punishment.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH.

THE QUESTION OF DISCIPLINE.

WHAT OTHER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES SAY ABOUT DROPPING MR. TILTON FROM THE ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP—A LIVELY DISCUSSION—A CONFERENCE REFUSED.

A meeting of the congregation of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, was held last evening for the purpose of receiving and considering a communication which had been received from the committee of the Church of the Pilgrims and of Clinton Avenue Church concerning the action taken by Plymouth Church at a meeting held on the evening of Oct. 31, by dropping from the roll of membership a member of the church present at the meeting, "against whom specific and serious charges were known to be pending," and "intimately connected with the good name of the pastor of the church, if any attempt were made to rebut them by pleading that the statements charged as slanders were justified by facts.' The occasion was evidently regarded as of serious importance, for the lecture-room attached to the church, in which the meeting was held, was crowded to its fullest extent. Gentlemen were stationed at the door who denied admittance to any but members of the congregation and the representatives of the press.

Mr. R. Raymond was nominated Moderator of the meeting.

Rev. R. M. Halliday, Clerk of the church, then stated the purpose for which the meeting had been called together, and submitted the following communication which had been received from the Church of the Pilgrims, and from Clinton Avenue Church:

BROOKLYN, Nov. 8, 1873.

To the Pastor and Members of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, New-York:

DEAR BRETHREN: For many years we, as Congregational churches, have dwelt in hearty fellowship with you, meeting with you gladly in conferences and councils, interchanging members with you, as those have chanced to change their residence, and manifesting in all ways, on whatever opportunity, our cordial Christian confidence and regard.

We have done this in the belief that you, as a church, held and taught the Evangelical faith, and were solicitous with us to honor and maintain, in your internal discipline, the interests and the law of Christian purity.

It is now publicly reported, without contradiction, that at a meeting of your church, duly warned, and numerously attended, held on the evening of Oct. 31, you voted, by a large majority, to drop from the roll of your membership, without examination and without censure, a member of the church present at the meeting, against whom specific and serious charges were known to be pending, which had been presented by a brother in the church, which had been accepted by the committee of the church, and of which the accused had been duly notified—charges vitally affecting the Christian character of the accused, if they should be proven and unexplained, and intimately connected with the good name of your Pastor, if any attempt were made to rebut them by pleading that the statements charged as slanders were justified by facts—that you did this upon the ground, as stated in your preamble, that the accused member had "abandoned his connection with the church by prolonged absence from all its services and ordinances," and that your Pastor, in advocating this action, declared in substance, the church acquiescing, that the Plymouth Church "is not, and never has been, like many of the New-England Congregational churches:" that one of its two prominent principles has been "that the door of entrance to it should be as large as humanity," and the other "that the door of entrance to it should be as large as necessity;" and that the policy adopted by the church has been, when a charge of wrong-doing was made against a member, and the case was thought one which, if pursued, would turn the church from its great Gospel work, for the Examining Committee to go to the accused and advise him quietly to withdraw from the church.

The policy is here, as we understand it, distinctly avowed as having been deliberately adopted and pursued, and as therefore proper to be applied to the exciting and prominent case at that moment before the church, of avoiding the thorough investigation of complaints charging members of the church with unchristian conduct, by requesting the accused, if there should seem occasion for the accusation, to withdraw from the church, without censure, in anticipation of such investigation.

This is not a withdrawal of watch and discipline on the part of the church, for the sake of relieving innocent persons, suspected of no moral delinquency, from obligations which, to them, have come to seem burdensome.

It is not even represented as a hazardous, but a seemingly necessary expedient, adopted reluctantly, in some extreme and exceptional case, the prosecution of which might be attended with peculiar embarrassments.

It is announced as a prevailing policy of the church, amounting, with inevitable force, to a definite and permanent abandonment by it of that duty of watchfulness over its members which involves such searching investigation when proof is offered of their unchristian conduct, with such subsequent and remedial church-work as the case may demand, and the word and the Spirit of God point out.

It seems to us undeniably plain that such a course, however attractive as avoiding trouble, and giving opportunity to escape such issues as it never is pleasant to encounter, is directly subversive of all true Christian discipline;

That it is unjust to those aggrieved by another's wrong-doing, as denying them the opportunity to make his guilt manifest, and shielding him from the public condemnation which is often to them their only reparation;

That it is injurious even to the person accused, as tending to diminish his sense of his guilt, while withdrawing from him those Christian processes of remonstrance, rebuke, and, if he be obdurate, of final excision from the church, under censure, the fruit of which may be to lead him to repentance;

That it is injurious to the church whose Christian wisdom is developed, whose conscience is exercised, whose sense of the beauty and obligation of righteousness is reinforced, and whose fair fame is vindicated by the careful, considerate, and prayerful exercise of its power of discipline;

That it is injurious to the world, which is encouraged and almost justified in deriding the practical morality of the church and exalting in contrast its own societies, which at least expel unworthy members;

That the most of all, injurious to Christ, whose law for the treatment of the trespassing brother, contained in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, it distinctly disregards; whose spirit it represents as one of fear, not of faith, of human love, and of expediency, and whose name it dishonors in the house of His friends.

It seems to us to offer opportunity, and positive inducement, to the flagrant transgressor of whatever rules of Christian purity exist, to avoid scrutiny and censure by the church, by simply absenting himself, without reason given, from its services and communion—an act which constitutes of itself an offense, instead of operating to palliate another.

Such a course of action appears to us especially untimely, and especially dangerous, when the sin alleged is against the good name of a minister of Christ, in whose undimmed repute for purity of life the whole church has an interest; in which circumstances dark and damaging statements are alleged to have been made, by the member whom the church thus puts beyond its reach; concerning whom suspicion is almost sure to be increased by such an apparent avoidance of duty; and where the proper opportunity to vindicate his name is certainly sacrificed.

But such a course must be always untimely, always dangerous, without warrant in the Word, without support of Christian wisdom, and involving tendencies that can be only prolific of evil.

We are impressed with the conviction that credit cannot properly be given to the letters dismissory of a church which adopts and avows such a policy; that even its unchallenged members will lose the claim which grows out of their membership, to the confidence of other Christians and churches, so long as the church with which they are connected distinctly repudiates its prime obligation to watch over their purity, to investigate its evidence when it is assailed, and to publicly declare its discovered absence; that, while injuring itself by such a course, the church will react with injury upon the communion with which it is associated, and does great wrong to the whole Christian brotherhood.

And we feel that we, as related and neighboring Congregational Churches, have a right to inquire, before our own consciences, or before the Master and Judge of all, to our main silent when a policy is avowed which impresses us as so novel, so unscriptural, so dangerous in its present application, and so demoralizing, that we cannot continue in fellowship with any church which accepts and declares it.

In remembrance, therefore, of the pleasant relations which have so long subsisted between us, in the hope that there may be explanations by you which will cast a new and welcome light on the position which you have assumed, or that you may be moved by our representations to revise your late action, and adopt a course more in harmony with the law of Christ, and with the common usage of our churches, we earnestly invite you, by your pastor and a committee, to meet with us, in private conference, at your own lecture-room, as speedily as possible, on such a day as you may appoint, that we may more fully ascertain from yourselves the nature and the reason of the action which you have taken, and may more largely present to you the effect of that action, as now understood, on your own church, and on its relations to those hitherto associated with it.

We do this, brethren, not as assuming the slightest authority over you, or seeking in the least to invade the prerogatives which are as dear to us as to you. We do it in the exercise of that fraternal right which always accompanies fraternal obligation, and which is, therefore, vitally involved in our fellowship with you. We do it in accordance with the evident and perennial principle, essential to Congregationalism, which is correctly and clearly stated in your Church Manual, published by vote of the church in 1864, that Congregational Churches "may admonish each other, in case of heresy, lax discipline, or any scandalous offense."

We do it in absolute kindness of spirit, but under the deepest convictions of duty, believing that you, however unconsciously, are imperiling the name, the influence, and the future, of all our churches; that you are giving the sanction of your large numbers and prominent position to measures and a policy which will recoil, with injurious effect, on your own fame and Christian power, and which will work a sure disaster wherever applied; that you are leaving a palpable blight on the name of your pastor, by seeming to shrink from that investigation which the man accused of slanders against him distinctly challenged; that you are doing essential dishonor to the Lord Himself by representing His kingdom on earth as promiscuous and carnal society, without cohesion or law, out of which any offender may pass, at any moment, whatever his offense, without resistance, and without rebuke.

Brethren, in face of an error so vital and vast, and so threatening in its consequences, we cannot be silent. We are constrained to ask this interview with you. And we must further request that, if no essentially different state of facts from that which now appears, and which has been above recited, shall be presented by your committee in the conference which we seek; if your recent action is to remain, as it seems to us, an energetic principle of evil in your own church, and of instant detriment and bad example to every other—the same committee may be instructed to unite with us, according to the venerable rule of our fathers, in calling a properly representative council of the Congregational Churches of the country, to hear your recent action, with the general policy of discipline involved in it, shall be submitted, and by which you shall be advised on your action in the matter, and we on our further fellowship with you.

We are, brethren, with affectionate recollections, and earnest prayers for your Christian welfare,

Yours, for the faith once for all delivered to the Saints,

RICHARD S. STORRS, Pastor.
RICHARD F. BUCK,
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DWIGHT JOHNSON,
JOSHUA M. VAN COTT,
ELI MYGATT, Jr.,
WALTER T. HATCH,
LUCIEN BIRDSEYE,
} Committee of the Church of the Pilgrims.

WM. IVES BUDDINGTON, Pastor.
ALFRED S. BARNES,
JAMES W. ELWELL,
HARVEY R. JOHNSON,
THOMAS S. THORP,
AUGUSTUS F. LIBBY,
FLAMEN B. CANDLER,
CAUCIEN C. WOOLWORTH,
} Committee of the Clinton Avenue Church.

Mr. McHay proposed, as the simplest solution of the matter, that Plymouth Church should accede to the request of the two churches named, for a Committee of Conference, and that the Pastor of Plymouth Church should appoint that committee, and also name the day upon which the conference should be held.

Mr. Gilbert requested the meeting not to sanction the resolution, and proposed, as an amendment, the adoption of the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

Whereas, This Church has received a letter from the Church of the Pilgrims and the Clinton Avenue Congregational Church, asking for a conference concerning the alleged lax discipline of this church; and

Whereas, This letter, confessedly based on public report merely, expresses a settled conviction that this church is in error, "vital and vast;" that we have done "essential dishonor to the Lord himself;" that our polity is "unscriptural and demoralizing;" that such action as the letter accuses us of taking "must be always untimely, always dangerous, without warrant in the Word, without support of Christian wisdom, and involving tendencies that can be only prolific of evil;" and

Whereas, Besides this prejudgment of the case, this letter distinctly threatens us with a withdrawal of fellowship, therefore,

Resolved, That while we cherish as sacred the remembrance of many years of harmonious co-operation in Christian work and worship with the Church of the Pilgrims, and the Clinton Avenue Congregational Church, and should look with great pain upon anything which threatened to disturb the peace and love that have hitherto existed between us, the circumstances recited leave us no alternative but to decline the proposed conference. While this church is, in the words of her Manual, (Rule 1,) "an independent ecclesiastical body, and in matters of doctrine, order, and discipline, amenable to no other organized body," she will nevertheless, in the words of the same Manual, (Rule 2,) "extend to other evangelical churches, and receive from them, that fellowship, advice, and assistance which the laws of Christ require." In accordance with these, her fundamental declarations, Plymouth Church is at all times ready to be advised and admonished by sister churches, according to the ancient, approved, Congregational method, beginning with proper inquiry into facts, and proceeding through successive steps of mutual examination and discussion to the final expression of opinion, including, if need be, admonition or censure. But Plymouth Church is not ready to reverse this order, and submit first to censure, secondly to argument, and afterward to a request for the facts.

Resolved, That the clerk of this church be instructed to send to the Church of the Pilgrims and to the Clinton Avenue Congregational Church copies of this preamble and resolutions.

Several members then addressed the meeting, the general feeling of which was in favor of the amendment, and a direct antagonism to any conference with the churches forwarding the communication. Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, of the church, also spoke to the same purport.

Mr. Shearman spoke strongly against the communication, and denied that, as a letter, it had the authority of the churches from which it came. It was prepared, he said, by the committees of those widely-separated churches, and presented to the Clerk of the Plymouth Church at 10 o'clock in the morning. The matter bore evidence of haste, and a disinclination to let the matter come before those two churches for their indorsement. Touching the insinuations which it contained against their pastor, he had only to say, he was the best beloved and most influential among them.

Mr. Raymond said he would vote for the amendment of Mr. Gilbert, and spoke in terms strongly adverse to the communication which had been forwarded. It was a document, he said, founded upon public report uncontradicted, and in his mind was very much in the nature of an order to show cause. [Applause]. It was not even a public report, but, on the contrary, was private and inquisitorial; a report which, if it came from persons of less illustrious piety, he would call infamous. He protested against Plymouth Church going into any conference. It was much better that they should not come together, for, if they did, it would very much resemble the scientific problem which he had often heard propounded as to what would be the result when an irresistible force came in contact with an immovable body. [Laughter and applause.]

Rev. Edward Beecher, after a few introductory remarks, said: The letter of the two churches gives to us no evidence that the gentlemen signing it were authorized by their churches to act at all in the matters concerned; but we have heard, and believe that at church meetings these signers were appointed a committee to take proper steps in relation to a supposed state of things in Plymouth Church. The letter drawn up by them was served upon the pastor and clerk of Plymouth Church Nov. 8, 1873. The necessary absence of the pastor delayed the laying of this letter before Plymouth Church for two weeks. On Nov. 22, 1873, a second letter from these churches was received, declaring that on Nov. 21 the letter of the committee, that had been served on Plymouth Church two weeks before, was read to the respective churches, and approved by them. It seems then, that this letter was drawn up and served upon Plymouth Church two weeks before the two churches purporting to send it had heard it read or authorized it to be sent; and that it was the letter simply of the committees! No church is warranted in authorizing any committee to prepare a document that touches the vitals of good neighborhood, and to send it in the name of the church while that church has not seen it or heard it read, and no after authentication of such missive by the vote of the church can change the character of such an assumption of authority by a committee.

And its full importance cannot be estimated until it is understood that the motive of such a disorderly and dangerous perversion of Congregational usage was an anxiety to save Plymouth Church from irregularity in transacting its own proper business.

These brothers are professing to act in accordance with the third way of church communion specified in the Cambridge platform, and technically called the way of admonition; but it is evident that they have disregarded the well-known principles of the Congregational system.

The principles of Congregationalism forbid the attempt to censure a church in a public document, and to impute to them various fearful consequences of their conduct, before the facts are thoroughly ascertained by private intervention, and appropriate efforts have been made to remove the evils apprehended. Such a course tends directly to promote alienation and division among churches, and to lead to widespread evil.

Rather than be exposed to such disorderly intrusion and meddling in the name of fellowship, high-minded churchmen prefer to withdraw from such communion. It is a course eminently adapted to injure the good name and influence of Congregationalism in this important centre of influence. By neglecting the prescribed, orderly, and reasonable course usually adopted, these brethren have put a false construction on the statements of our pastor, and made them the basis of inputting to us principles of discipline which we utterly repudiate and reject. They have, in fact, said that we "have adopted a policy novel, unscriptural, dangerous in its present application, and demoralizing;" that we "represent the kingdom of Christ on earth as a promiscuous and casual society, without cohesion or law, out of which any offender may pass at any moment, whatever his offense, without resistance and without rebuke."

In view of such allegations of fact and constructions of language, we distinctly declare that the facts alleged have never existed; that the construction of our pastor's language is manifestly wrong; that the dangerous principles imputed to us have never been held in theory or resorted to in practice; and that without boasting we challenge the comparison of our true Christian oversight and discipline of our large church with that of either of the churches which have censured us. Let us consider these points in order.

What alleged facts, then, are the basis of this whole elaborate presentation? They are that a member of the church, under charges, was before the church and ready to answer, and that the church went on and excluded him, in order to escape from an investigation of his case.

To this our reply is, that no member of the church was before us, but one who had long before fully withdrawn and excluded himself from the communion of our church. We did not cut him off from our communion, but he had for years cut himself off; and we, on that ground, esteemed and declared ourselves discharged of any further inspection over him, and dropped his name, in accordance with our Rule 7, where we say that, in case any have abandoned their connection with the church by prolonged absence, or otherwise, they may be dropped from the roll. In such a case, the church does not cut them off; they cut themselves off, and the church notes the fact, and drops their names.

If now it should be alleged that this recognition of the termination of membership by the act of the individual, and not by the act of the church, is only a part of the loose principles and proceedings of Plymouth Church, and that the Congregational system does not acknowledge any such way of terminating church membership, that there must be a trial and an act of the church to effect it, we reply that it has been from the very beginning an avowed principle in the Congregational system that a man can thus cut himself off from the church, and cease to be a member of it.

In view of the four years' absence of the individual in question, the church in fact had assumed that he had, in the words of the rule, fully withdrawn and divided himself from the communion of the church. It is true that after this long course of years an individual brought charges against him before the Committee of Discipline. It was alleged, nevertheless, from the outset, by members of that committee, that he was not a member of the church, and that it was useless to attempt to discipline him. The majority of the committee decided, however, to present the charges to him; on which he most explicitly declared, first verbally to a committee, and afterward in writing, that he was not a member of the church, and had not been for four years, and that he was not subject to their jurisdiction.

On this the committee recognized the true state of facts, as it had been practically apprehended by the church for years before, and recommended, not his exclusion from the church—he had already cut himself off—but a correction of the roll of the church in accordance with the facts.

It is alleged that he was present and ready to speak. So he was, but not as a member of the church. Even if he had claimed to be, his claim could not have undone what had already been done, and recognized as done. After putting himself out, he could not by a word put himself back to gain an end. But he did not attempt to put himself back; he did not pretend that he had rescinded his action. On the other hand, he reaffirmed it. What, then, becomes of the fundamental position of this letter, that we voted to drop a member of the church, present in the meeting? The individual in question was not a member of the church; he did not regard himself as such. The church did not regard him as such. Therefore to have attempted to try him as a church member when he was not one, would have been disorderly and unCongregational. The church, therefore, voted to drop his name from the roll, and in so doing they were sustained by unimpeachable and universal congregational authority.

We come now to the construction of the language of our pastor by these brethren. It is above all things important, before building such tremendous consequences on the alleged language of our pastor, to be sure that they have that language accurately, and in its true relations. How natural and easy would it have been in a private conversation with the pastor to ascertain whether he had been truly represented, and what he was aiming at in his statements. But this they did not do. On what authority, then, do they rest? It is "public report uncontradicted." If any one can tell what that is. Many things have been said about this matter, and published in the papers, that are utterly false. The professed report by these brethren of our pastor's words is in important particulars defective and erroneous.

And yet, taking it as they give it, it does not sustain their allegations. They tell us that our pastor said, "Plymouth Church is not, and never has been, like many of the New-England Congregational churches." What then? May she not in that fact be nearer genuine Congregationalism, and not more remote from it? This remark has especial respect to the view so stringently set forth by many New-England churches that church membership can be terminated only by death, letter to another church, or excommunication.

And in so doing—as has been shown—come nearer to genuine Congregationalism than those who hold it. Again, they represent him as saying, "The door of entrance to the church should be as large as humanity." What then? Should it not be! Does this say or imply that there are no qualifications for entering it; that all men of all characters, infidels, atheists, and the most grossly immoral are welcome to enter it, and that this is a fundamental principle of Plymouth Church, in spite of her immemorial and careful examination of all who enter, as to the evidence of their repentence and faith in Christ, and purpose to lead a holy life?

But here occurs a serious case of defective representation. Our pastor, in immediate connection with this remark, and as explanatory of it, said:

"It was designed to give an invitation to all to come into the church who really felt a desire to come in through faith in Christ, for the purpose of a loving obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ, and to all persons who gave reasonable evidence of sincerity in their purpose of godly living."

What then shall be said of such statements as that our pastor represents the kingdom of Christ on earth as a promiscuous and casual society? Does any church place the conditions of membership higher than he did in those remarks? Does the Bible? Yet the writer of this letter to Plymouth Church had before him a report of our pastor's words by the same reporter from whose report our present statement is taken.

The idea of our pastor plainly was that there was in our church no aristocratic exclusiveness, no exclusion for color, or nationality, or grade of social position, that therefore it would include a great variety of elements to be harmonized, and that this must be regarded in the administration of the church.

Again, they represent him as saying, "The door of admission from the church should be as large as necessity." What then? Will any one say that it should not be? Is not the rule already quoted from so many Congregational authorities based on this principle?

We come now to another case of serious misrepresentation. This letter represents our pastor as saying that the policy adopted by the church has been, when a "a charge of wrong-doing was made against a member, and the case was thought one which, if pursued, would turn the church from its great Gospel work, for the Examining Committee to go to the accused and advise him quietly to withdraw from the church." Of this they say:

"The policy is here, as we understand it, distinctly avowed as having been deliberately adopted and pursued, and as, therefore, proper to be applied to the exciting and prominent case then before the church, of avoiding the thorough investigation of complaints charging members of the church with unchristian conduct, by requesting the accused, if there should seem occasion for the accusation, to withdraw from the church, without censure, in anticipation of such investigation."

These allegations represent the pastor as speaking of cases in which a judicial process has been commenced and charges made. He did not speak of such cases at all, but of cases that had been carefully examined by the Committee on Discipline, before any judicial process had been commenced. He did not say that it was a principle in all cases to invite persons to withdraw to avoid judicial investigation. He stated that in certain cases members were requested to withdraw. He was speaking, not to the world at large, but to his own church, who would know to what cases he referred. There was at that very time a case of the kind referred to,

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For Elizabeth at 6, 6:30, 7:20, 7:40, 8:10, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 5, 5:20, 5:40, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8:10, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 3:30, 6:10, 7:30, 8:10, 10 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 5:20, 5:40, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 7:30, 8:10, 10 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 5:20, 6:10, and 7:30 P. M.

For Woodbridge and Perth Amboy, 6 and 10 A. M., 2:30, 4:10, and 6 P. M.

For New-Brunswick, 7:20 and 8:10 A. M., 12 M., 2, 3:10, 4:30, 5:20, 6:10, 7:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 6:10, and 7:30 P. M.

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SUMMER ARRANGEMENT.—Commencing June 30, 1873.—Leave New-York as follows:

4:30 A. M.—New train for Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, &c.

6:00 A. M.—Way train for Somerville.

7:30 A. M.—Way train for Flemington, Easton, Belvidere, Allen-town, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, Pittston, Scranton City, Mt. Carmel, Hazleton, Towanda, Waverly, &c. Connects at Junction with D. L. and W. R. R.

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10:15 A. M. and 12:00 M.—Way trains for Somerville.

12:50 P. M.—Express for Flemington, Easton, Bath, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Mahanoy City, Hazleton, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Reading, Columbia, Lancaster, Pottsville, Harrisburg, &c.

2:30 P. M.—For Easton, Allentown, and Belvidere.

3:30 P. M.—Way train for Plainfield.

4:00 P. M.—Way train for Easton, Allentown, and Mauch Chunk. Connects at Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

4:30 P. M.—Way train for Somerville and Flemington.

5:00 P. M.—Way train for Somerville.

5:15 P. M.—Way train for Plainfield.

5:30 P. M.—Evening Express, daily for Easton, Belvidere, Allentown, Harrisburg, Pittsburg, Chicago, &c.

6:00 and 7:00 P. M.—Way train for Somerville.

7:30 P. M.—(Emigrant)—For Easton.

9:15 and 11:30 P. M.—Way train for Plainfield.

For Elizabeth at 4:30, 5:30, 6, 6:20, 6:45, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:45, 9, 9:30, 10:15, 11, 11:45 A. M., 12 M., 12:30, 1, 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 3:45, 4, 4:15, 4:30, 4:45, 5, 5:15, 5:30, 5:45, 6, 6:20, 7, 7:30, 7:45, 8:20, 9:15, 10:30, 11:30 12 P. M.

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NEW-YORK AND NEW-HAVEN DIVISION.

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Trains for New-Haven leave at 7:05, (accommodation,) 9:05, (express,) 9:05, (accommodation,) 10 A. M., (express,) 12 N., (accommodation,) 1, (express,) 3, (express,) 3:35, (accommodation,) 4:38, and 5:10, (local express,) 6:10, (express,) and 9:10, (express,) P. M.

For South Norwalk 7:05, 8:05, 9:05 A. M., 12 M., 1, (express,) 3, 3:35, 4:38, 5:10, 6:35, 8:10, 9:10 P. M. For Stamford 7:10, 8:05, 9:05, 10:10 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2:23 and 3, (express,) 3:55, 4:38, 4,45, 5:10, 5:40, 6:35, 7:20, 8:10, 9:10 P. M.

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Superintendent of New-York Division.

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SURROGATE NOTICES.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. HUTCHINGS, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against GEORGE W. ELDER, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at the office of N. L. McCready, No. 187 Greenwich street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 2d day of June next.—Dated New-York, the 24th day of November, 1873.

MATILDA A. ELDER, Executrix.
NATHANIEL L. MCCREADY, Executor.
n27-1aw6mTh*

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against ISABELLA ROBERT, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at the residence of William J. Haddock, No. 276 West Eleventh-street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 10th day of December next.—Dated New-York, the 10th day of December, 1873.

WILLIAM J. HADDOCK, } Executors.
DAVID RAMSEY, }

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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of HAMILTON ARMSTRONG, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at the office of Martin & Morrison, No. 279 Canal-street, in the City of New-York, on or before the last day of February next.—Dated New-York, the 30th day of July, 1873.

DOROTHEA ARMSTRONG, Executrix.
PATRICK F. O'BRIEN, } Executors.
EDWARD MARTIN, }

jy31-1aw6mTh*

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against ORRIN J. ROSE, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at the store of Cochran, McLean & Co., No. 464 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on or before the 2d day of March next.—Dated New-York, the 19th day of August, 1873.

PHILANDER STEVENS, Executor.

au21-1aw6mTh*

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF WILLIAM D. Veeder, Esq., Surrogate of the County of Kings, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against FREDERICK WILLIAMS, late of the City of Brooklyn, deceased, that they are required to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, the administrator, at his office, No. 51 Whitehall street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 10th day of March next.—Dated Aug. 27, 1873.

HENRY WILLIAMS, Administrator.

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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against NICHOLAS MULLER, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at their place of business, (the store of Gottlob Gunther,) No. 105 William street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 16th day of April next.—Dated New-York, the 15th day of October, 1873.

WILLIAM ZINSSER,
GOTTLOB J. GUNTHER, } Executors.

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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against RICHARD D. LATHROP, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at his place of business, No. 278 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on or before the eighth (9) day of April next.—Dated New-York the 8th day of October, 1873.

WM. C. ENGLE, Executor.

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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of MOSES COHN, bankrupt, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at the office of Nos. 37 and 39 Centre street, in the City of New-York, on or before the eighth (9) day of December, 1873.

WM. F. HOWE, Plaintiff's Attorney.

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STATIONERY.

FRANCIS & LOUTREL, NO. 45 MAIDEN LANE.—All new prices blank books, stationery, and printing; diaries for 1874, express books, ladies', gentlemen's and family wash-books, patent spring-back account books made to pattern.

BANKRUPT NOTICES.

DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, for the District of New-Jersey.—In the matter of EDWARD CULLEN, bankrupt.—District of New-Jersey, ss.—A warrant in bankruptcy has been issued by said Court against the estate of Edward Cullen, of the County of Essex and State of New-Jersey, in said district, who has been duly adjudged bankrupt upon petition of his creditors, and the payment of any debts and the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupt, to him, or to his use, and the transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law. A meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, to prove their debts and choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at Newark, in said district, on the 8th day of December, A. D. 1873, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the office of Staats S. Morris, Esq., one of the Registers in Bankruptcy of said district.

SAMUEL PLUMMER, U. S. Marshal for said district.

DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of JOSEPH A. SPENCER & SPENCER D. JACKSON, bankrupts.—In Bankruptcy.—A warrant in bankruptcy has been issued by said court against the estate of Joseph A. Dunbar and Spencer D. Jackson, of the County of New-York, of the State of New-York, in said district, adjudged bankrupts upon the petition of their creditors, and the payment of any debts and the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupts, to them or to their use, and the transfer of any property by them, are forbidden by law. A meeting of the creditors of said bankrupts, to prove their debts and choose one or more assignees of their estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 345 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1873, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the office of John Fitch, Esq., one of the Registers in Bankruptcy of said Court.

OLIVER FISKE, Marshal—Messenger.

DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States, for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of MOSES COHN, bankrupt.—In Bankruptcy.—A warrant in bankruptcy has been issued by said court against the estate of Moses Cohn, of the County of New-York, of the State of New-York, in said district, adjudged a bankrupt, upon the petition of his creditors, and the payment of any debts, and the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupt, to him or to his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law. A meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, to prove their debts and choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 345 Broadway, in the City of New-York, in said district, on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1873, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the office of John Fitch, Esq., one of the Registers in Bankruptcy of said court.

OLIVER FISKE, Marshal—Messenger.

DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of DOUGLAS L. WHITE, SAMUEL W. BARNARD, and ALANSON S. PAGE, composing the firm of WHITE & CO., Bankrupts.—In Bankruptcy.—A warrant in bankruptcy has been issued by said court against the estate of Douglas L. White, Samuel W. Barnard, and Alanson S. Page, composing the firm of White & Co., of the County of New-York, of the State of New-York, in said district, adjudged bankrupts upon the petition of their creditors, and the payment of any debts and the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupts to him or them, or to his or their use, and the transfer of any property by him or them, are forbidden by law. A meeting of the creditors of said bankrupts, to prove their debts and choose one or more assignees of their estate, will be held at a Court of Bankru

THANKSGIVING.

THE NATIONAL HOLIDAY.

ITS EARLY OBSERVANCE—HOW IT WILL BE CELEBRATED TO-DAY—WHAT THE CHARITABLE WILL DO FOR THE POOR.

A feeling of gratitude to God and a desire to give thanks to the Ruler of the Universe for any especial or particular mercy, has always been a strongly marked trait in the character of the people from whom the first settlers of this country sprung. After the famous battle of Cressy, Edward III. issued orders that all boasting of the valor of the English Army and insulting of the conquered should be checked, for that "to God alone was due the praise, and to Him thanks should be given." When the desolate castle of Poictiers had been won by the Black Prince, sights days of solemn and public thanksgiving were observed throughout all England, and again, after the destruction of the Spanish Armada, a season of prayer and thanksgiving was proclaimed by Queen Elizabeth. On American soil the first day of thanksgiving was proclaimed by Gov. Bradford, in 1693, three years after the landing of the Pilgrims. It has since become emphatically the national holiday, and it is well that its origin is clouded by no mystery and darkened by no conflicting traditions. It is a holiday instituted by the Puritans who founded the Plymouth Colony, and who with a stern sense of religious duty and justice desired to render thanks to heaven for the mercies which had been showered upon the settlers. At the same time it was intended as a substitute for Christmas, a holiday which, for various reasons, was looked upon with disfavor by the Pilgrim fathers.

The popular idea of the Puritan holiday is certainly not what its originators intended that it should be. Turkey and Thanksgiving have now become synonymous terms, and though the Plymouth settlers never intended it, they themselves set the example which their offspring now delight in following. In an old chronicle of the time the following is found in regard to the first Thanksgiving Day: "There was a great store of wild turkey, of which many were taken, besides venison. The fowlers had been sent out by the Governor that so the people might rejoice after a special manner together after they had gathered the fruits of their labor;" and again, in another part of the same work, it is said that "the people thought well of it that some day be set apart to give thanks and rejoice together after the harvest had been gathered and their labor had been blessed, and they set apart this day for especial rejoicing and thanksgiving. The store of wild turkeys was ample, and there was a seemly feast." Most puritanical of all their observances, the only time of relaxation from stern duties and the practice of religion, the day began to be looked forward to and anticipated with delight by the young people of the Plymouth settlement; and to the favor which it found in their sight it owes, in great measure, its growth and present existence. When the sons and daughters of New-England began to leave their old homes to seek new habitations in remote parts of the country, it was not strange that they took with them fond memories of the old Thanksgiving Day. The prosy sermon of their good pastor might be forgotten, and the harsh rigor of their Sabbath, but no change, no time could efface from their memories that one day of quiet festivity and happy home rejoicing when even the stern features of their grandfathers become soft at the sight of the "great store of wild turkeys" which helped to make up "the seemly feast." So the observance of the day continued and took root, until, like many other puritan customs, it acquired a national importance, and to-day is being celebrated all over the United States.

Many suppose that the observance of Thanksgiving Day was until recently confined to the Eastern States, and that up to a few years ago it had never been observed by the whole Union at one time; this, however, is a mistake. Even in the very earliest history of the Republic are recorded days which were set apart by different Presidents as periods of national thanksgiving. One of the earliest of these was appointed by the following proclamation, issued by President Washington, just after the suppression of an insurrection of a somewhat serious character, which had threatened the peace of the country.

WASHINGTON'S PROCLAMATION.

When we review the calamities which afflict so many other nations, the present condition of the United States affords much matter of consolation and satisfaction. Our exemption hitherto from foreign war; an increasing prospect of the continuance of that exemption—the great degree of internal tranquillity we have enjoyed—the recent confirmation of that tranquillity by the suppression of an insurrection which so wantonly threatened it—the happy course of our public affairs in general—the unexampled prosperity of all classes of our citizens—are circumstances which peculiarly mark our situation with indications of the Divine beneficence toward us. In such a state of things it is in an especial manner our duty as a people, with devout reverence and affectionate gratitude, to acknowledge our many and great obligations to Almighty God, and to implore him to continue and confirm the blessings we experience.

Deeply penetrated with this sentiment, I, George Washington, President of the United States, do recommend to all religious societies and denominations, and to all persons, whomsoever within the United States, to set apart and observe Thursday, the 19th day of February next, as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, and on that day to meet together and render sincere and hearty thanks to the Great Ruler of nations for the manifold and signal mercies which distinguish our lot as a nation, particularly for the possession of constitutions of government which unite, with due energy, stability and liberty with order; for the preservation of our peace, foreign and domestic; for the reasonable control which has been given to a spirit of disorder in the suppression of the late insurrection, and generally for the prosperous conditions of our affairs, public and private; and at the same time humbly and fervently to beseech the kind Author of these blessings graciously to prolong them to us; to impress us deeply and sol[emn]ly with a sense of our obligations to Him for them; to teach us rightly to estimate their immense value; to preserve us from the arrogance of prosperity, and from hazarding the advantages we enjoy by delusive pursuits; to dispose us to merit the continuance of His favors by not abusing them, by our gratitude for them, and by a corresponding conduct as citizens and as men; to render this country more and more a safe and propitious asylum for the unfortunate of other countries, to extend among us true and useful knowledge, to diffuse and establish habits of sobriety, order, morality, and piety, and finally, to impart all the blessings we possess or ask for ourselves to the whole family of mankind.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed to these presents, and signed the same with my hand. Done at the City of Philadelphia, the first day of January, 1795. GEORGE WASHINGTON.

By the President.
EDM. RANDOLPH.

This was the proclamation of the first President of the United States, issued to 4,000,000 of people, citizens of a country yet in its infancy. To-day, after a lapse of only seventy-eight years, the President of the United States calls upon 40,000,000 to give thanks for the prosperity of their country. Below will be found the proclamations of the present President and Governor of this State.

PROCLAMATIONS BY PRESIDENT GRANT AND GOV. DIX.

By the President of the United States of America:

A PROCLAMATION.

The approaching close of another year brings with it the occasion for renewed thanksgiving and acknowledgment to the Almighty Ruler of the universe, of the unnumbered mercies which He has bestowed upon us. Abundant harvests have been among the rewards of industry. With local exceptions, health has been among the blessings vouchsafed to us. Tranquillity at home and peace with other nations have prevailed. Frugal industry is regaining its merited recognition and its merited rewards. Gradually, but under the providence of God surely, as we trust, the nation is recovering from the financial results of a dreadful civil strife. For these and all the other mercies vouchsafed, it becomes us as a people to return heartfelt and grateful acknowledgments. And while our thanksgiving, we may unite prayers for the cessation of local and temporary suffering.

I therefore recommend that on Thursday, the 27th day of November next, the people meet in their respective places of worship to make their acknowledgments to Almighty God for His bounties and His protection, and to offer to Him prayers for their continuance.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this 14th day of October, in the year of our Lord 1873, and of the independence of the United States the ninety-seventh.

U. S. GRANT.

By the President:
HAMILTON FISH, Secretary of State.

For this State, the following is the proclamation of Gov. Dix:

Recommending to the people of this State the observance of the 27th day of November next as a day of thanksgiving and prayer to Almighty God in reverent acknowledgment of His unbounded bounties.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, in the City of Albany, this 21st day of October, in the year 1873.

JOHN A. DIX.

By the Governor:
WM. H. DE, Private Secretary.

Governor to their self-selected Governors, and unite in accordance with them, the people every-where will rejoice and will acknowledge the Divine favor in the blessings of the year. Let us not allow the day to pass without a proper observance. Let us not allow the people from their traditions with overwhelming family. Make themselves, those who [illegible] and the [illegible]

Sound reunites many who may have wandered from the old home, and revives and freshens the memory of past associations. It is such a festival as becomes a Republican country.

THANKSGIVING IN NEW-YORK.

The festival will be appropriately celebrated to-day in the Metropolis, and indeed the City has much to be thankful for. The year has passed over without any of the terrible calamities which have visited other places. Pestilence and death have not come to terrify and destroy its citizens. Another great occasion for rejoicing and thanksgiving is the conviction and sentence of the chief of the band of public robbers that for so long a time had fattened on the City's money. William M. Tweed, who seemed to believe he could with impunity defy public justice, now occupies a felon's cell. All the outgoing trains will carry an increased number of passengers to the anxious friends that will be waiting for them. At the markets last night the scene was indeed an animated one. The paste, with all its long train of deplorable results, the depressed state of trade, the possibility of a war, all seemed to have been forgotten. Every one had money enough for at least one turkey. The poultry venders were in their element, and reaping rich harvests thanked heaven that good times had come again. At Washington Market the crowd was largest all day long; a little army of contented, happy, laughing mothers and wives pushed and scrambled and chattered and tried to "beat" the turkey market. Here and there was to be seen some lank specimen of henpecked humanity who, not knowing the difference of a goose from a "gobbler," took the answer of the vender, that "that ere bird is a fine un, Sir," and bought it to be roundly abused at home for his pains. At the old stands in Fulton Market business appeared to be unusually good. Large numbers of Brooklyn people did their buying here. The Metropolitan and Jefferson markets up town also did a very large business.

AMONG THE CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

At the several charitable institutions the day will be celebrated with the usual festivities, and the poor will be provided for with even more liberality than in former years. At the Five Points House of Industry religious service will be held in the chapel from noon until 1 o'clock. At that time the annual thanksgiving dinner will be served to the inmates, and at 2 o'clock the usual dinner to the outside poor of all denominations will be given.

At the Five Points Mission, exercises will be held in the chapel at 2 P. M., consisting of singing, prayer, addresses, and colloquials by the children, exercises in scholastic duties and calisthenics, a sermon by a little boy, and short addresses. At 4 o'clock a dinner will be given to over 700 children, and the next morning the remnants of the feast will be distributed among the parents and poor of the vicinity.

At the Home for Little Wanderers, in the New Bowery, the regular Thanksgiving festivals will take place. It is expected that nearly 1,000 children and grown persons will be provided with dinner.

At the Twenty-second Regiment Armory on Fourteenth street, the Ladies' Union Relief Association for the care of disabled soldiers, and the widows and orphans of sailors and soldiers, were in session, and received contributions, and expressed the hope that it would be within their power to supply every soldier's widow with a substantial dinner to-day. The children of the day nursery, Sunday-school, and free reading-room, amounting to 600, under which is connected with St. Barnabas House in Mulberry street, will be supplied with dinner, under the direction of one of the sisters. The mothers of the children in the nursery will also receive a good dinner. At 1 o'clock P. M. from 200 to 300 children will be entertained at dinner at the Home for the Friendless, No. 20 East Thirtieth street.

At St. Joseph's Home for the Aged, No. 209 West Fifteenth street, between 100 and 200 old people will sit down to a hearty dinner. The children of the Sheltering Arms, on Tenth avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, will be entertained at a feast of turkey, and everything done to make them happy. At the Protestant Half-orphan Asylum, No. 65 West Tenth street, active preparations were being made yesterday for to-day's celebration. In the morning the children will attend divine service at the Church of the Strangers, and afterward will be treated to an ample repast.

The ladies of the New-York Infant Asylum received donations at No. 24 Clinton place yesterday, and to-day will provide dinner for the children at the Infants' Asylums on Tenth avenue and at Flushing, Long Island. At the Wilson Industrial School in St. Mark's place, the inmates will be entertained at a substantial dinner, and afterward will amuse themselves with singing and social games.

The inmates of the Home for Training Young Girls will be furnished with a good dinner at the building of the association, on Seventh avenue.

At noon the girls in the Midnight Mission on Green street will be supplied with turkey, and an abundance of other good things.

The Association for the Benefit of Colored Orphans will entertain the children under its care in the asylum on One Hundred and Forty-third street.

The boys in the St. Vincent Home for wandering lads of all occupations will be treated to a substantial dinner at No. 53 Warren street.

Dinners will be given at the Home for the Aged at No. 330 Sixth avenue, and upward of fifty children of the parish school connected with the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion, are to be dined at the same place. At the House of Refuge on Randall's Island, and also at the institution on Ward's Island, service will be held in the morning, and at noon a dinner of turkey will be served. After dinner the children will be amused in various ways. In the different hospitals and other institutions abundant repasts will be supplied to the inmates, and at Robinson Hall in Sixteenth street a free Thanksgiving dinner will be served to the disabled soldiers and sailors of the late war. A concert will be given by the Governor's Island Band.

The girls of the Children's Aid Society, at the Lodging-house in St. Mark's place, will have a dinner at 2 o'clock P. M. The boys in the Lodging-house at No. 211 West Eighteenth street will dine at 4:30 o'clock P. M.; those in the Lodging-house at No. 709 East Eleventh street at 6 o'clock P. M.; the inmates of the Newsboys' Lodging-house, 49 Park place, at 7 o'clock P. M., and those of the Lodging-house at No. 327 Rivington street at 7:30 o'clock P. M. At each of these short addresses will be given, and the juveniles will after dinner, sing and otherwise enjoy themselves. During the remainder of this week and the beginning of next, the children of the various industrial schools will receive substantial tokens of the holiday.

Over 500 children, including the seventy resident children of the American Female Guardian Society, will be entertained at the institution, No. 29 East Twenty-ninth street. The children are gathered from the various industrial schools, and the building will be open all day to visitors. Over eighty families will be supplied with a dinner at their residences by the Church of the Holy Communion, corner of Twentieth street and Sixth avenue, while a special dinner will be served at the Shelter for Girls, No. 330 Sixth avenue. A dinner will be served to the inmates of St. Luke's Hospital, also at the Shepherd's Fold, Eighty-sixth street and Second avenue. At the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, at One Hundred and Fifty-second street, a bounteous repast is to be served out, while at the various Homes for the Aged in the vicinity of Sixty-fifth to Sixty-eighth streets, near Lexington avenue, and elsewhere, dinners have been provided. The Commissioners of Emigration will give a dinner to the inmates on Ward's Island, and several of the Commissioners intend personally to supervise the same. At the Sailors' Snug Harbor over 400 worn-out seamen will be entertained with a Thanksgiving dinner, and the children there will also enjoy a holiday. The Association for Befriending Children, at No. 247 East Thirteenth street, will also give the inmates a dinner, and the little ones will take part in the enjoyment of a holiday. The City Mission and Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor had their visitors out yesterday among the poor of the various districts, but will hold no special festival. Dinners will also be given to the children in the Orphans' Home, Forty-ninth street and Lexington avenue, and in the Colored Home on Sixty-fifth street, near First avenue; also at the Asylum for Colored Orphans, on the Boulevard. The aged persons in the various institutions of the Protestant Episcopal Church will also have the means of enjoyment. An address on "Kindness to Animals" will be delivered by Mr. Wayne Hovey at the Thanksgiving dinner to be given to the soldiers' orphans of the Union Home and School. The Childrens' Educational Relief Association, No. 678 Grand street, will give a dinner to the deserving poor of the Seventh, Tenth, Eleventh, Thirteenth, and Seventeenth Wards at the hall, No. 300 East Broadway, and assistance will be rendered to numbers of families at their homes through a corps of visitors.

Religious services will be held in the morning at the various places of public worship, after which the poor of the congregations will, through the pastors, receive tokens of benevolence from those members who are fortunate enough to be better provided.

SHARKEY'S ESCAPE FROM THE TOMBS.

Nothing new relative to the escape of Sharkey from the City Prison transpired yesterday. Richard Finnan, one of the keepers indicted for aiding Sharkey to escape, gave bail in $1,000 to answer the charge. Maggie Jourdan and Mrs. "Wes." Allen are still under the charge of Mrs. Foster, Matron of the Female Prison. Keeper Lawrence Phillips, also under indictment, has not yet been released. All access to the prison is denied reporters of the press, and it is absolutely impossible to gain for the public any intelligence regarding what is going on inside the Tombs. Special passes are presented signed by the Commissioners, and only these admit to the jail. These passes are supposed to be issued to persons recommended by some reputable person. The absurdity of these passes may be judged from the following plain narration of facts: Yesterday a woman presented a special pass signed by Commissioner Laimbeer, which read as follows: "Pass Mrs. Fanny Copperman to see ——; recommended by ——." This woman was the wife of Hyman Copperman, the receiver of stolen goods, now under sentence of five years in State Prison. For years past Mrs. Copperman and her husband have been known to the Police as receivers of stolen goods of the most dangerous class, not only buying plunder from professional criminals, but inducing young clerks to steal. To sustain her good character, as supposed to be required by the pass, Mrs. Copperman presented a large bottle of whisky, which, in open violation of the rules of the prison, she endeavored to smuggle in to her husband. She was detected and the whisky confiscated. The whisky and the valuable special pass being coolly received by a keeper. It is generally conceded that the [illegible]

A TERRIBLE CRIME PREVENTED.

AN INFERNAL MACHINE—ATTEMPT TO TAKE THE LIFE OF CONTROLLER GREEN.

An atrocious attempt to assassinate Controller Green by means of an infernal machine was happily discovered yesterday before any mischief was done. The morning mail for the Finance Department is brought from the Post Office every day by the regular messenger employed by the Controller, between the hours of ten and eleven o'clock. Among the letters and packages received at the Post Office yesterday was a small box, the appearance of which excited the curiosity of the messenger and made him suspicious of its contents. When he delivered the mail to County Auditor Earle, he called that gentleman's attention to the box, and remarked that he was suspicious that it was an instrument of death. The box being addressed to Mr. Green, and marked private, it was kept until he could be notified, when it was given to Mr. Devlin, employed as a doorkeeper in the Controller's private office, for examination. The machine is about six inches long, four wide and seven-eighths of an inch thick, has a sliding-lid, and is apparently manufactured out of the wood of a cigar-box. Ten two-cent postage-stamps were pasted on the lid, and the address was: "Andrew H. Green, Controller, City Hall, private." The letters forming the words were cut from printed matter, no doubt to prevent the detection of the person who sent the machine, by means of his handwriting. Mr. Devlin, without disturbing the lid of the box, carefully cut into its sides with his pocket-knife, and discovered that it contained gunpowder. He then saturated the box with water and removed the cover with his knife. It was found to be full of gunpowder and large pistol-cartridges. To one of the ends of the box lucifer-matches, cut to an appropriate length, were glued, and stood perpendicularly in a row. On the inside of the lid a small piece of sandpaper was glued and so arranged that when the lid was drawn it would ignite the matches and so cause an explosion, when, doubtless, fatal consequences would have resulted.

No clue to the would-be assassins has been discovered, and the Controller was desirous yesterday that as little publicity as possible should be given to the matter. It was reported in the City Hall that a couple of men, alleged to be gamblers, who have been urging a claim against the City, and have been so far denied payment, had made threats "to get square" with Mr. Green, and suspicion has pointed to them. Those in authority at the Controller's Office profess to be entirely ignorant of who the person or persons may be who attempted the perpetration of the dastardly deed. Mr. Gaylor, agent of the General Post Office, it is understood, is making every exertion to discover the person who deposited the box in the Post Office.

INSPECTION OF BLACKWELL'S ISLAND.

TWEED'S FUTURE RESIDENCE AND COMPANIONS—HOW HE WILL BE TREATED.

Commissioner of Charities and Correction Myer Stern, with Police Commissioners Duryea and Russell, and Police Justices Flammer, Otterburg, Smith, Sherwood, Kasmire, and Kilbreth, paid a visit to Blackwell's Island yesterday. They were shown over the Charity Hospital by Dr. Macdonald, Chief of the Medical Staff. There are 763 patients, not including 146 in the fever hospital, and twelve in the small-pox hospital. Everything was in admirable order, and the highest praises were bestowed on the management.

Warden Vought conducted the visitors through the Almshouses, and showed them the capacious out-offices, where stores are kept. The company then visited the Penitentiary. The cells were looked into with great curiosity, all remarking almost simultaneously that one of them would soon be Tweed's abode. Each cell is about 7 feet long and 3½ wide. It contains an iron bedstead, a tick, a pillow, and a blanket or rug. A grated iron door shuts in the occupant. One of the party tried to get in at the door, but it was too small for him. The question was asked, "How is Tweed going to get through that doorway?" Warden McQuade says that when the prisoner arrives he will be treated just the same as any other criminal there.

The visitors stood on one side and saw the prisoners march out after dinner. They go single file, one as close to the other's back as he can get, and all moving their legs together. James Cusick, the Eighth Ward criminal, was among them. He turned away his head as he passed the group, but at the door he threw a hasty glance toward them. There are 400 prisoners. Nine of them wear the ball and chain.

The Lunatic Asylum, in which there are 1,400 patients, was found in good order, as were also the Alms-houses. In the Poor-house there are 1,500 inmates, a larger number than were ever before received there. It is expected that there will be over 2,000 before the season is over. The bakery where all the bread used on the island is made, was inspected. Over 500 barrels of flour are used daily, and thirty men are constantly employed. The Police Justices expressed great satisfaction at the information afforded them by their visit, remarking that the knowledge thus gained would aid them greatly in the administration of justice.

THE HEAVY ROBBERY AT TIFFANY'S.

The detective officers at head-quarters refused yesterday to furnish any information to the press regarding the heavy robbery at Tiffany's jewelry establishment, Union square. From outside sources, however, it was learned that for some time past articles of jewelry have been missed from the show-cases by Mr. Stockwell, the Superintendent. Detective Elder was placed on the case, and late yesterday morning arrested Harry E. Murray, a clerk in the store, and locked him up at the Central Office. Murray, who is thirty years old, is married, and his wife soon after the arrest begged him to inform the detective officers where he had sold the stolen property. He did so. Yesterday the following property was recovered: Eight gold chains and one diamond and opal cluster broach, containing thirty diamonds and one large opal valued at $2,500, were found in the possession of I. H. Barrington, of No. 785 Broadway. One turquoise and pearl pendant and one pair of solitaire diamond ear-rings were found in the possession of Mrs. Lynch, at her store under the New-York Hotel. One diamond and emerald locket, one diamond peacock locket, one turquoise and pearl locket, two panel lockets with four diamonds, one plain locket with stone sides, one rope neck-chain, one cable vest-chain, and one pair of gold and pearl bracelets were found with J. B. Lewis, of No. 1,243 Broadway. The value of the property recovered is $6,300. Over $4,000 worth of jewelry has not been recovered. Murray is said to have gambled away the money obtained by selling the jewelry.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Emma Stuyvesant, a lady thirty years old, residing at No. 317 East Ninth street, attempted suicide at her residence by taking laudanum. Mrs. Stuyvesant's husband died a short time ago, since when she has been crazed with grief. Her attempt at self-destruction was not discovered for some time. Dr. Eisler was called in, and by skillful treatment restored her to consciousness and saved her life.... Thomas Conner, an employe of the Telegraph Company, residing at the corner of Beaver street and Broadway, while adjusting the telegraph wires at the corner of Prince and Marion streets yesterday, fell from the telegraph pole and was severely injured.... Emily Harris, of No. 303 East Twenty-sixth street, was arrested and locked up for intoxication, on Tuesday night, in the Fifteenth Precinct. Nearly four hours after it was discovered that the unfortunate woman had her lower jaw fractured by being struck by a man in Fourth street. She was taken to Bellevue Hospital. ....John Francis Teppell, keeper of the billiard-room at the Windsor Hotel, Fifth avenue, was found dead yesterday morning. Cause, apoplexy.

CANAL NAVIGATION CLOSED.

The reports received yesterday at the Produce Exchange removed all doubt as to the final closing of the Erie Canal. The following telegrams were received by Mr. Grant, Superintendent of the Exchange:

UTICA, Nov. 26, 1873.

About 500 boats are in this vicinity. Canal navigation closed. A. J. SHEGEANT.

LITTLE FALLS, Nov. 26, 1873.

Canal played out; no more boating here this Fall. Very cold this morning. JAMES KENNA, Jr., Collector.

The estimated stocks of grain on the canal on Wednesday were: Wheat, 1,531,459 bushels; Corn, 1,986,910 bushels; oats, 470,079 bushels; barley, 341,441 bushels; rye, 89,257 bushels; peas, 3,504 bushels. Total, 3,576,649 bushels.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF MEDICAL MEN.

The New-York Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Medical Men held its thirty-first annual meeting last evening, at the College of Surgeons and Physicians, Fourth avenue and Twenty-third street, Dr. Stone presiding. The members of the society now number 120, of whom 100 are for life and twenty-nine annual subscribers. The benefactors number twenty-nine, of whom two are laymen. The society extends aid to seven widows and six children of deceased members. The financial condition of the society for the year ending Sept. 17, 1873, was as follows: Amount received from all sources during the year, $34,167 92; disbursements, $33,884 67, and total assets, $74,913 16.

On motion, Dr. John C. Stone was elected President; John M. Van Kleeck, M. D., Samuel I. Hubbart, M. D., and John G. Adams, M. D., were re-elected Vice Presidents, and J. W. G. Clements, M. D., was re-elected Treasurer. The following gentlemen were re-elected Managers: Drs. C. White, Taylor, Krackowitzer, C. D. Smith, Delafield, Watts, and Barry. The meeting then adjourned.

FINANCIAL TOPICS.

Wall street was quiet yesterday, no depressing intelligence tending to check the advance in prices. Several of the stocks advanced two and three per cent. during the day, with very large transactions. The volume of business was greatest in Western Union, Chicago and North-western, St. Paul, and Wabash. The closing prices of the day were the best, and they are the best proofs that the panic must be considered a thing of the past.

UNION TRUST COMPANY.

Judge Fancher, in Supreme Court, Chambers, yesterday, made an order appointing William P. Dixon, Referee, to state and pass the accounts of Edward B. Wesley, the Receiver of the Union Trust Company, and report to the court thereon, with all convenient speed, to the end that thereupon such order may be made by the court in the premises as shall be just and proper. An order was also granted by the same Judge appointing Abraham R. Lawrence, Jr., Referee, to report to the court what amount should be allowed to the Receiver as commissions for his services, counsel fees for counsel employed in relation to his receivership, and necessary expenses incurred by him. The accounts of the Receiver are to be stated up to the close of business hours of Saturday, Nov. 29, 1873.

GEORGE BIRD GRINNELL & CO.

Judge Blatchford, in the United States District Court, yesterday, granted an order to sell the stock held by Brown Brothers & Co., given as collateral security to them by George Bird Grinnell & Co. After reciting the nature of the securities, on which there is due over $200,000 by the bankrupts, Judge Blatchford says that as such securities are of a fluctuating and variable value, and that at times during the past three months the aggregate of the market values thereof has been less than the amount of said debt, while the present market values thereof will, in the aggregate, exceed the same, and that, as the creditors have not yet appointed an assignee, it is alike the right of the said creditors and conducive to the interests of the estate of the bankrupts, that the amount of their debt and claim should now, when practicable, be realized upon the sale of the said securities so far as the sale thereof may be necessary to that end. The court, therefore, orders that the bankrupts be authorized to sell the 2,000 shares of the capital stock of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad Company, and 100 shares of the capital stock of the Chicago and North-western Railway Company, and also the $10,000 of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern registered bonds held by Messrs. Brown Brothers & Co., or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the indebtedness of the said bankrupts, such sales to be made at the New-York Stock Exchange from time to time in the regular way, at the market prices at the times of such sales, but for prices that will make in the aggregate a sum not less than the amount due said Brown Brothers & Co. Brown Brothers & Co. were authorized to deliver the said stocks in pursuance of such sales on receiving from the purchasers thereof the proceeds of such sales, such proceeds to be retained by them and applied in or toward their claim against the said bankrupts and their estate.

JAY COOKE & CO. IN BANKRUPTCY.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 26.—In the United States District Court this morning, Judge Cadwalader presiding, the petitions of sundry parties asking for an adjudication in bankruptcy in the case of Jay Cooke & Co. was granted, and J. Gillinghan Fell, Esq., was appointed Receiver. The Judge intimated that future proceedings under adjudication should be had under the forty-third section of the Bankrupt act, which authorizes the appointment of a trustee and committee by the creditors.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

CURRENCY AND POPULATION.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

You call attention in your journal of this morning to an apparent discrepancy in my statements now made and those made in 1851 as to per capita amount, in dollars, of the normal volume of a convertible circulating medium in this country. A careful perusal of my statements in my volume upon Political Economy will show that my calculation then included not only the specie and bank notes in circulation, but also the bank deposits, which are used as money in settling wholesale transactions, while the calculation made in the report of the Chamber of Commerce Committee is properly restricted to the amount of legal tenders, bank notes, and gold in circulation.

Let me remark that, upon the average, the bank deposits exactly equal the other circulation of the country. Therefore, if the per capita amount of the latter is now ten dollars, the amount of both would be, upon an average, twenty dollars, instead of nineteen dollars, as quoted from my volume. Now the increase in our circulation, medium since the influx of gold consequent upon the development of the mines of California, will almost exactly account for the real difference between the statements made by me in 1851, based upon the imperfect statistics then at hand, and those now made.

My estimate of this per capita amount is, of course, to be used only as applied to a nation advanced about as our own in commerce and civilization. Thus applied it may not be a scientific test, but practically it is the simplest and therefore best test as yet used. The improvement in accuracy and completeness of commercial statistics renders calculations of this character much more trustworthy now than ever before. GEORGE OPDYKE.

TUESDAY, Nov. 26, 1873.

A HINT FOR MR. DALY.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I wish to call the attention of your valuable paper to the swindle practiced upon the public at the Grand Opera-house. I went there last evening and purchased three reserved seats in the parquet. I handed the checks to the usher, and he informed me that there were no seats for those checks. I thereupon went to the box-office and found there at least fifty people who had been imposed upon in the same way. The ticket agent refused in an insolent manner either to give us seats or to return the money. There were many who people went home, preferring to lose their money rather than witness the performance standing.

ONE OF THE MUCH-ABUSED PUBLIC.
NEW-YORK, Wednesday, Nov. 26, 1873.

JOHN P. HALE.

At the funeral of Hon. John P. Hale, Rev. Dr. Parkman, of Brooklyn, who was Mr. Hale's Pastor twenty years ago, gave some brief reminiscences of the deceased. Dr. Parkman claimed to have been a pioneer anti-slavery man, and well remembered when Mr. Hale was yet to enter his future career for humanity. Preaching a sermon on a Sunday on the sin of slavery, he had Mr. Hale for a hearer, who at its close came to the speaker and said warmly: "Well, I'm glad you've got the stuff off, but it's false, every word of it. But," he added, "I do believe in freedom of speech, and none shall say that I ever opposed it." He soon came to prove that he believed in freedom of person as well. In whatever else he failed, said Dr. Parkman, he never failed in loyalty. He was a sworn foe of cant, affectation, and pretension. He was in the highest Christian sense a Democrat. Dr. Parkman affirmed that the deceased was a person of firm religious convictions. It was easy to bring tears to his eyes, as often used to be the case in their communion and conference seasons twenty years ago. Mr. Brown had already mentioned that at the request of the deceased he always closed his friendly calls by prayer, and the soul of the great man seemed to be borne upward on the wings of his petitions. "I have no fear of death," said he to his late Pastor; and the speaker could witness that he believed eminently in prayer. When Mr. Hale led, as he often did, their devotions in those times, his utterance was full of reverence, trust, and faith.

A QUEER OFFER.

Somebody, who signs himself G. T. P., has written a letter from Westmoreland County, Penn., to the Mayor of Philadelphia, in which, in view of the approach of "the season for destitution," he proposes to furnish coal for all the poor of the city and for the steam fire-engines for the present time and during this and the next century, the only expense being that of transportation, which will be about three cents per bushel. This payment he offers to take in installments, one being payable every ten years. He says that about seventeen years ago he purchased for almost nothing a tract of land in Westmoreland County, which has since turned out to be filled with bituminous coal, and if the terms which he offers to Mayors of this coal are acceptable, he will send his full name and address to his Honor.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

The "B. H. P." Club will hold their annual Thanksgiving reception to-day, at No. 397 Hudson turnpike, near the Clarkson cross road.

The Port Chester Railroad is open for travel, and passengers can now take the steam-boat at Fulton Ferry and connect with the New-Haven trains.

Mr. H. W. Weed, General Freight Agent of the New-York and Oswego Midland Railroad, has tendered his resignation, to take effect on the 1st prox.

Prof. Hartz and Dr. Colton will give their closing entertainments at the Cooper Institute this afternoon and evening, commencing at 2 and 8 o'clock.

The German Society for the Protection of German Immigrants has issued a call to its members for special contributions in aid of the destitute and unemployed poor, during the present Winter.

The Beethoven Maennerchor, one of our leading German vocal and musical organizations, celebrated its fourteenth anniversary, at its club-house in Fifth street, last night, by a musical entertainment.

Mr. William C. Conner, the Sheriff elect, filed bonds in $40,000, yesterday, with the County Clerk, for the faithful performance of the duties of his office. Mr. David Bruce and Mr. Benjamin F. Manierre, are his bondsmen.

The College of Pharmacy of this City have passed a series of resolutions in relation to closing the apothecary shops of the City at 10 o'clock in the evening, instead of keeping them open, as is the custom now, until nearly midnight.

The cabin passengers of the new steamer Goethe, of the German Transatlantic Steam Navigation Company, which arrived in this port, on Tuesday, from Hamburg, after a passage of eleven days, have presented the Captain of the steamer, J. A. Wilson, with a testimonial in which they state that the steamers of the Eagle Line are unsurpassed for safety and comfort.

On Tuesday evening Mr. F. S. Wilmerding gave a dinner at the Union League Club to Hon. Hamilton Fish, Jr., member of Assembly elect from Putnam County. The entertainment broke up at a late hour, and all appeared well satisfied with the entertainment. Among those present were Messrs. Stuyvesant Fish, George Floyd Jones, David Nash, John Russell, Bradish Johnson, Jr., F. B. Wilmerding, John Lawrence, and J. C. Wilmerding.

Francis Cauley, of No. 341 West Twenty-fourth street, attended the services at St. Stephen's Church, in Twenty-eighth street, on Tuesday evening, and fell asleep. About 8 o'clock yesterday morning he was discovered by the janitor wandering about the building trying to effect an exit, and was by that official given into the custody of an officer as a suspicious person. The prisoner was yesterday arraigned before Judge Murray, at the Yorkville Police Court, and discharged, Cauley producing evidence of good character.

BROOKLYN.

The employing plasterers of Brooklyn have resolved to reduce the wages of journeymen to $3 50 per day.

A slight fire, occasioned by the explosion of a kerosene lamp, occurred last evening at No. 944 Third avenue, and caused damage to the extent of $200.

Antonio Quero y Alvarez and Enreque Carcerres, convicted some time ago of stealing $70,000 worth of bonds and sureties from the Commercial Bank of Havana, were brought up in the Court of Sessions yesterday, and sentenced to two years each in the Kings County Penitentiary.

NEW-JERSEY.

Rev. Frank P. Tompkins has been installed Pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Fairmount.

At the Main Street Methodist Episcopal Church in Paterson 100 families are supplied with food daily.

The Normal and Model Schools have been closed in Trenton, on account of the prevalence of scarlet fever.

The receipts of the Newark Industrial Exposition on Friday night will be devoted to the Seth Boyden statue.

The Jersey City Young Men's Christian Association are preparing to open a restaurant for the relief of the poor.

A one-track engine has been completed by Messrs. Lafferty Bros., of Gloucester, to be used in Atalanta, Ga., on an elevated railway.

John Stein, a fur-dealer, who occupied the store at No. 561 Broad street, Newark, has absconded, taking with him the stock, valued at $10,000.

A colored man, named Thomas Thompson, was found dead in a barn at Belleville yesterday morning, from the effects of intemperance and exposure to cold.

The report prepared by the Jersey City Board of Aldermen shows that the Police Commissioners employ 182 men, at an annual expense of $211,200. The Fire Commissioners employ 130 men, at an expense of $98,265. The Finance Department pay twenty-six employes $35,460, and the Board of Public Works have eighty-six employes, at a cost of $99,650. These amounts are all stated to be incorrect, and considerable dissatisfaction is felt among the citizens.

PERSONAL.

Prof. A. H. Merrill, of Amherst College, is at the Everett House.

Hon. George Harrington, of Washington, is at the Westmoreland Hotel.

Hon. C. W. Willard, member of Congress, of Vermont, is at the Grand Central Hotel.

Hon. George M. Adams, member of Congress, of Kentucky, and Capt. Prince, of the British Army, are at the New-York Hotel.

Mr. Edward Jenkins, of London, and R. F. Gascoigne, of the Royal Horse Guards, British Army, are at the Brevoort House.

Hon. A. H. Willie, member of Congress, of Texas, and Assemblyman J. McGuire, of Schuyler County, N. Y., are at the Metropolitan Hotel.

Prof. C. F. Palfrey, of West Point, and James L. Claghorn, of Philadelphia, are at the Albemarle Hotel.

Vice President Henry Wilson and Hon. Samuel Hooper, member of Congress, leave the City this morning for Washington.

Ex-Gov. Horatio Seymour, of Utica; Hon. Ezra Cornell, of Ithaca; Gen. J. C. Black, of Champaign, Ill., and E. J. Crandall, President of the Illinois, Missouri and Texas Railroad Company, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

Hon. George M. Robeson, Secretary of the Navy; Senator Roscoe Conkling, Hon. Ellis H. Roberts, member of Congress, and Judge Charles Mason, of Utica, and Ben Perley Poore, of Massachusetts, are at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

THE HOBOKEN SAVINGS BANK.

The temporary injunction to restrain the Hoboken Savings Bank from doing business was served on the officers yesterday at 1 o'clock. The reason for enjoining the officers was to prevent the further reduction of the assets by paying salaries or otherwise.

THE RIO GRANDE OUTRAGE.

The Galveston *News*, referring to the late invasion of Texas soil by a band of Mexican robbers, under Cavallo Blanco, says that Gen. Hatch, United States Army, will